

Financial Supports - last updated in July 2019

There are a range of financial supports that carers of people with PWS may be eligible for. These include the following:

1. Domiciliary Care Allowance. This is a monthly payment to the carer of a child with a disability so severe that the child requires care and attention and/or supervision substantially in excess of another child of the same age. This payment is not means-tested and is currently €309.50 per month. More information on Domiciliary Care Allowance can be found at:

http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/1078_Domiciliary-Care-Allowance.aspx

2. Carers Support Grant:

This is an annual payment made to carers by the Department of Social Protection. Carers can use the grant in whatever way they wish and the grant is not means-tested. This payment, which is currently €1700, is automatically granted to those in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance, Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit. More information about the Respite Care Grant can be found at:

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/carers/respice_care_grant.html

3. Carer's Allowance. This is a payment to people on low incomes who are looking after a person who needs support because of age, physical or learning disability or illness (including mental illness). More information about Carer's Allowance can be found at:

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/carers/carers_allowance.html

5. Carer's Benefit. Carer's Benefit is a payment made to insured people who leave the workforce to care for a person(s) in need of full-time care and attention. More information about Carer's Benefit can be found at:

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/carers/carers_benefit.html

5. Medical Card and GP Visit Card. Medical cards and GP Visit Cards are issued by the HSE and grant the holders certain health services free of charge. More information about Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards can be found at:

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/mc/>

6. Long Term Illness Scheme. People suffering from certain conditions, who are not already medical card holders, can get free drugs, medicines and medical and surgical appliances for the treatment of that condition under the Long Term Illness Scheme. PWSAI is aware of people with PWS who have been approved for this scheme. More information about the Long Term Illness Scheme can be found at: https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/drugs_and_medicines/long_term_illness_scheme.html

7. Drugs Payment Scheme. Under this scheme an individual or family does not have to pay more than €124 each month for approved prescribed drugs, medicines and certain appliances for use by that person or his or her family in that month. There is no means test for this scheme and it is open to all those who don't qualify for a Medical Card. More information about the Drugs Payment Scheme can be found at: <http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/drugspaymentscheme/>

8. Incapacitated Child Tax Credit. This is currently single €1650 and married €3,300 per year. More information about Incapacitated Child Tax Credit can be found at: <http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/credits/incapacitated-child-credit.html>

9. Home Carer Tax Credit. This is currently €1500 per year. More information about Home Carer Tax Credit can be found at: <http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/credits/home-carers.html>

The Citizens Information Phone Service provides advice on public services and entitlements in Ireland. If you wish to contact this service to discuss your entitlements you will find their contact details and general information about entitlements for carers of people with disabilities here:

<http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/en/services/citizensinformation/cips.html>