

## **Financial Supports - last updated in January 2024**

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 €340 per month.

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 €1850, is automatically granted to those in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance, Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit.

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:

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.

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.

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.

7. *Drugs Payment Scheme.* Under this scheme an individual or family does not have to pay more than €80 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.

8. *Incapacitated Child Tax Credit.* This is currently €3,500 per year.

9. *Home Carer Tax Credit.* This is currently €1800 per year.

**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:**

**<https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/>**