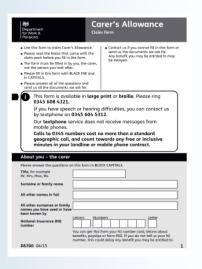


## **FACTSHEET**

## **Carers Allowance**



Carers...For more information on this or any other benefit, contact St Helens Carers Centre on 01744 675615 or head over to www.sthelenscarers.org.uk and live chat with us Monday to Friday between 10 and 3.

- Carers Allowance is a benefit you may be able to claim if you are over 16, not a full time student and care for someone
- You need to be caring for one person for 35 hours a week or more . You do not have to live with the person you care for
- The person you are caring for must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit such as Attendance Allowance, daily living component of Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance at the middle or high rate care.
- If you work, you cannot earn more than the current earnings threshold of £132/week. This is net; after tax, after national insurance and after 50% of
- Carers Allowance is taxable and the current rate is £69.70 per week
- Being paid Carers Allowance can affect the benefits of the person you care for, if they receive a severe disability premium within means tested benefits such as Pension Credit. It is therefore recommended to have a benefit check

If you think you may be eligible, contact us—we can advise around eligibility and can help to complete the form. We will also be able to advise you if it will affect the benefits of the person you care