

FACTSHEET

Child Disability Living Allowance

The image shows a sample of the 'Disability Living Allowance for a child under 16' form. The form is from the Department for Work & Pensions. It includes a header with the DWP logo and the title. Below the header, there is a box with instructions: 'If you aren't able to fill in any part of this claim form, read the information booklet or call us on 0800 121 4600. If you have speech or hearing difficulties, you can contact us by telephone on 0800 121 4633. We can provide an interpreter if you phone or visit us. This form is available in large print or braille. Please phone 0800 121 4600.' The main section is titled 'About the child' and contains several fields: 'Surname or family name', 'All other names in full', 'Child reference number (if you know it)', 'Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)', 'Sex' (with 'Male' and 'Female' radio buttons), and 'Full address where the child lives' (with a 'Postcode' field). The form is dated 'DLA13A Child July 2018'.

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.

- ◆ Child Disability Living Allowance is a benefit you may be able to claim for a child who needs **extra** personal care, supervision or watching over due to illness or disability
- ◆ The child needs to be under the age of 16 when you first make a claim for them. If they have reached 16 they will need to claim Personal Independence Payment instead
- ◆ Child Disability Living Allowance isn't means tested which means you can have a high income and/or savings and this will not affect eligibility
- ◆ It is usually claimed by you; the child's parent or guardian
- ◆ Child Disability Living Allowance isn't taxable
- ◆ If Child Disability Living Allowance is awarded, this can lead to an increase in your benefit entitlement (where applicable) such as Child Tax Credits or Universal Credit
- ◆ Your child does not need a diagnosis to qualify, although this can be supportive of an application in some cases

If you think you may be eligible, contact us—we can advise around eligibility and can help to complete the form. If you want to make a claim yourself, call **0800 121 4600**