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Thinking about becoming a paid carer?

This leaflet explains how welfare benefits can be affected if you start to be paid to provide care or support.

What are direct payments from Social Services?

Social Services now make direct (cash) payments to people who are assessed as needing support. They can then use this money to arrange and pay for it themselves. More people are choosing to pay someone they know and trust to provide their support. The Department for Work and Pensions do not treat this money as income for the person who receives it as it has to be used to pay for their support. If the person they pay to provide the support is on benefit then **that** person's benefit is likely to be affected.

Why is my benefit affected?

Being paid to provide care or support means that you are treated as working and the money you are paid is a wage. You will still be treated as their employee even if the person paying you is a close relative or your partner. **You will need to tell whoever pays your benefit that your circumstances have changed and you are now working.** Some benefits are paid by the government because you don't have enough money to live on. They top up any other money that you receive so any money you start to be paid in wages will affect the amount the government will pay you.

Which benefits?

Main benefits affected by starting work are:*

Income support

Jobseeker's allowance

Employment & support allowance

Housing and council tax benefit.

Pension Credit

Carer's Allowance

*Other benefits can be affected - seek advice about your benefit

How much can I earn?

A small part of any wages can be disregarded (ignored). Amounts vary between £5 and £25 per week depending on your individual circumstances but any amount that you receive above your income disregard is taken £ for £ off your benefit up to the point where you are no longer entitled to the benefit.

What else might change?

If you are working 16 hours or more per week then you will be treated as if you are in full-time work by the DWP and you may be able to claim tax credits instead. If you are currently getting benefit because you are sick or unfit for work you can do some work but there are limits to how many hours you can work and how much you can earn. Get advice about **permitted work**.

If you are getting carer's allowance there is a limit on how much you can earn. This limit changes every year, so check for the current limit.

If you get a carer's discount on your council tax bill this may end if you start to be paid to care.

If you get housing and council tax benefit you may have to start to pay something towards your rent and council tax.

Where can I find out more?

If you are considering becoming a paid carer and need advice about how your benefits will be affected contact:

Salford Welfare Rights and Debt Advice Service on **0800 3457375** (Mon – Fri between 10am and 12 noon) or online at www.salford.gov.uk/welfarerights or

Ring 0161 793 3550 and ask for Mary Storey.