

## Key facts about Citizens Advice in England and Wales



6.2 million advice issues dealt with



2.5 million clients advised



20 million visits to our self-help website [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)



2,500 locations where we provide free and independent advice across England and Wales



We help to solve the problems for two in every three of our clients



Four in five say that our help improved their life in ways such as reducing stress, improving physical health or increasing their finances



Citizens Advice is worth at least £750 million to society

## Free, confidential advice. Whoever you are.

We help people overcome their problems and campaign on big issues when their voices need to be heard.

We value diversity, champion equality, and challenge discrimination and harassment. We're here for everyone.

### Appointments available

throughout Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. We can meet you at a local outreach venue, at home (with prior planning) or at a group that you attend or at our main office in Swansea.

### How to Book:

**Contact:** 01792 474882 and select our Appointment Line option

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# Disability Living Allowance - for children

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## Disability Living Allowance for Children

It's very common for a parent to think they won't be able to get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for their child when they can. You can get DLA if your child:

- needs more care, attention or supervision than a child of the same age who isn't disabled, or
- has difficulty walking or getting around outdoors in unfamiliar places

**Your child needs to be under 16** for you to claim DLA - if they're 16 or over you'll have to claim Personal Independence Payment.

DLA isn't just for children who are physically disabled. It can be given for a wide range of medical conditions including behavioural and mental health conditions as well as learning disabilities and developmental delay. You might be able to claim even if you wouldn't describe your child as 'disabled'.



## Extra Money

DLA isn't means tested, so it doesn't matter how much you earn or how much money you might have in savings.

Any other benefits you might be getting won't be affected. In fact, getting DLA could mean that:

you can get other benefits, or  
you can get a higher rate of the benefits that you currently get .

You can talk to your nearest Citizens Advice for help understanding if you can claim DLA.

More information is on our national website:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/benefits/sick-or-disabled-people-and-carers/disability-living-allowance/>

You can also talk to a specialist at the 'Contact a family' charity - they're experts in DLA for children.

Contact a Family helpline  
Telephone: 0808 808 3555  
Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 5pm  
Calls are free from all phones in the UK.

## If you child is under 3

It can be difficult to get DLA for a baby or an infant because all children of that age need a lot of care. But, you should still apply if your child needs more care, attention or supervision than a child of the same age who isn't disabled or doesn't have a health condition.

For example, most babies would be expected to wake during the night. But if you have to get up to give them a treatment such as an inhaler 2 or 3 times a night, then this means your child needs more care and attention than a baby who doesn't need an inhaler.

If your child is under 3, you won't be eligible for the 'mobility component' of DLA.

