

Non-residential carer – Housing benefit additional room rate information

If you (or your partner) require care and have a carer who stays overnight on a regular basis, you may be entitled to an extra room rate within the housing benefit size criteria.

The following conditions must be met to qualify for the extra room rate:

- Your carer lives at a different address to your own.
- Your carer provides the required overnight care.
- You have an extra bedroom available for their use (if you only have one bedroom you will not qualify for an extra room rate).

Additionally you (or your partner) must receive:

- the care component of disability living allowance at the middle or high rate **or**
- attendance allowance **or**
- the daily living component of personal independence payment **or**
- armed forces independence payment

If you do not receive any of the benefits listed above you will need to confirm in writing why you qualify for this type of care. We will need to see evidence (eg from your GP/social services/mental health worker etc).

If you think you are entitled to an extra room rate for your carer please complete the application form on Norwich City Council website. If you have any questions please call the benefits service on 0344 980 3333.

Please note – care provided by other household members (eg a partner) does not entitle you to the extra room rate.