

What benefits are available and what can I get help?

There are a number of Government -funded welfare benefits aimed to support those who may need help. Some are particularly relevant to families with children and young people who have additional needs, special needs, medical conditions and / or disabilities. Many families are unaware of what they or their children may be entitled to claim. Not all of them are paid according to what you earn or the savings you have.

There are some that are commonly accessed by families whose children have additional needs, special needs and or disabilities. You may not need a diagnosis but you may need to explain how your child's needs are more than those of other children the same age.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
Universal Credit
Carer's Allowance
Tax credits
Help with Council Tax & rates'

You can find help and support on the Government's website including an online calculator to help work out whether you might be able to apply for benefits: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefit>.

Who can help?

You can find help and support in applying for benefits from:
The Citizens Advice Bureau: <https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/>
Turn2us: <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-Support>
Disability Cambridgeshire: <https://disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk/>
Disability Huntingdonshire: <https://dish.org.uk/>

Your Local District Council can also help with all benefits advice and will manage any claim:

Huntingdonshire: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/benefits/>
Cambridge City: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/benefits>
Fenland: <https://www.fenland.gov.uk/benefits>
East Cambs: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/content/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support>
South Cambs: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits/>

Where to find out more on website:

[hwww.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) and look under Useful Information