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Other benefits:

An award of Disability Living Allowance can passport you onto other benefits such as:

- Carers Allowance. If the middle rate of the care component is awarded then there is a possibility that a parent / carer can claim Carers Allowance.
- Extra money on your Child Tax Credit. If an award of Disability Living Allowance is made you may be entitled to an extra premium on your Child Tax Credit.
- Income Support. If an award of Disability Living Allowance is made, you may be entitled to extra premiums on your Income Support.
- Exemption from Road Tax. If your child gets the highest mobility component of Disability Living Allowance you can apply for exemption from Road Tax if you regularly use your car to transport your child or to run errands for their needs
- Blue Badge. If your child is 2 or older and has severe mobility difficulties you may be eligible for a Blue Badge. This is a scheme of parking concessions designed to help people with severe walking difficulties.
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. An award of Disability Living Allowance may increase the amount of your rebate.
- Advice on applying for Personal Independence Payments



Our service is:

- **Free**
- **Independent**
- **Confidential**

How to contact us

My name is Jane Coe and I would be happy to arrange an appointment with you either:

- at our main advice centre in Northampton town centre
- at your home, if appropriate
- another venue if more convenient

Please telephone
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Specialist advice on:

- **Disability Benefits for Children and Young People**
- **Other Welfare Benefits and grants for the Family**



Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children

What is it?

DLA is a tax free, non means tested benefit. It is for children and young people under 16 who have a disability or a health problem. It is split into 2 components; one for care needs, and one for those who find it difficult to walk or get around.

Who can claim?

If your child is 3 months or over, suffers from a disability or a health problem and needs a lot more looking after than you would normally expect a child of their age to need – You can claim.

If your child is 3 years or older and is unable or virtually unable to walk – You can claim.

If your child is 5 years or older and their ill health or disability means that they have to be watched or guided a lot more than another child of the same age – You can claim.

How much is paid?

The care component is divided into 3 rates; £82.30 or £55.10 or £21.80 per week

The mobility component is divided into 2 rates: £57.45 or £21.80 per week

You may be able to receive an award from both of the components or just one, depending on your child's individual needs.

DLA is paid in addition to any wages or means tested benefits



We can offer you:

- Benefit checks, identifying which benefits you are entitled to claim and ordering of appropriate forms
- Help with completion of forms
- Negotiation with other agencies e.g. DWP and local council
- Access to grants
- Help with challenging decisions
- Representation at appeal tribunals
- Office based appointments or home visits if needed