

Carers In Bedfordshire

Carer Skills and Training Grants can be spent flexibly towards taking up a course to support you to;

- Rejoin the job market
- Enable you to work from home
- Enable you to train in a profession with flexible working hours
- Take up driving lessons
- Or any training that you feel will improve your health or wellbeing.

How much can I apply for?

Individual carers can apply for up to £350.

Additional funds may be available in certain circumstances.



Contact us

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Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

If you have any concerns or need advice about accessing NHS services, you can speak in confidence to the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01234 897211.

This leaflet can be produced in large print, audio cassette, Braille and other languages on request.

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NHS Skills and Training Grant

If you are providing substantial care without payment you may be eligible for a skills and training grant.



About Us

Carers in Bedfordshire is a not-for-profit registered charity and a member of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

We exist to provide unpaid carers and former carers throughout Bedfordshire with help, support, advocacy and training according to their wishes and to involve them in the planning of future services.

What is an NHS Skills and Training Grant?

Carers in Bedfordshire has been given funding by NHS Bedfordshire to:

- Assist carers with costs towards training courses to help them gain more knowledge in their caring role
- Support carers to gain new skills and qualifications within structural educational learning to gain confidence or to support entry to the job market or return to work
- Improve the health or wellbeing of carers.

Who can apply for funding?

Carers who without payment (excluding benefits) provide substantial care or support to a child, relative, friend or family member who could not manage without their help, due to frailty or age, mental or physical health problems, disability or addiction.



Criteria

1. The NHS Skills and Learning Fund is for people in Bedfordshire who care for a Bedfordshire resident who would benefit from gaining new skills that would in the long term also create positive health and wellbeing, through confidence building or education.
2. Carers who meet the above criteria can apply for a grant towards paying for a structural training course that aims to improve their health, motivation, confidence or longer term social situation by gaining access to the job market. They may also apply for training to create a better awareness of the health issues of the person they care for.
3. Carers do not have to have had a carer's needs assessment from the local authority in order to apply for the grant, however, this may affect their application as the grant does not fund something that would otherwise be funded by social services or health.

How will the grant be paid?

Carers who are awarded the grant will be reimbursed upon a valid receipt of the agreed training course or the training establishment can invoice Carers in Bedfordshire direct for payment.

Where can I get more information?

To find out more about the Carers Grant please contact Carers in Bedfordshire. One of our support workers can contact you by telephone or can visit you to discuss the grant and also give you information about other services that may support you in your caring role.

How do I apply?

Contact Linda Di Michele from Carers in Bedfordshire on:

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The application form can be downloaded from www.carersinbeds.co.uk

