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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 7 May 2025, for information about Adults' Social Services Policy/Practice about the relevance of PIP / DLA mobility component for assessment, care planning and Disability Related Decision-Making.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

1. Does your adults' social services charging policy (or the practice required of your social services assessors and care planners during earlier stages of the Care Act process) mention a person's receipt of PIP/DLA Mobility Component as a reason for your adult social services department not funding transport to services within their Personal Budget (services that are being commissioned in the person's care plan to meet the person's eligible unmet needs)?

**Response:**

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available in section 11 of the Charging Policy at:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Documents/DocumentView/Stream/Media/Default/AdultSocialCare/Documents/Charging Policy Feb 25.pdf>

**Request:**

2. If so, is it possible for the person to provide evidence that their Mobility Component income is not otherwise available for such transport, in order to bring about a different outcome regarding the scope of their Personal Budget?

**Response:**

Yes, consideration can be given in the financial assessment.

**Request:**

3. Does your adults' social services charging policy (or the practice required of your adults' social services assessors and/or care planners during earlier stages of the Care Act process) state that a person's request for a disregard from income of privately incurred Disability Related Expenditure on the person's transport needs will only be allowed to the extent that and for the sum by which their transport expenditure exceeds the PIP/DLA Mobility Component?

**Response:**

Yes.

**Request:**

4. If in doubt about whether the wording in your charging policy or practice guidance to staff has the effect of the stances at 1) and 3), above, please just provide us with the wording related to Mobility Component, and any link to the document that might be found online."

**Response:**

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available in section 5 of the Charging Policy at:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Documents/DocumentView/Stream/Media/Default/AdultSocialCare/Documents/Charging Policy Feb 25.pdf>

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98.00 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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