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**Request and Response:**

**I would like to request some information about carers and carers budget**

**Cares Funding**

**1. How many people are claiming carers allowance in Cornwall**

Information not held. Carers Allowance is a statutory payment from the Department for Work and Pensions. It is not administered by the Local Authority.

**2. How many are claiming a carers budget in Cornwall**

2017/18: 2,030

2018/19: 2,013 (as at 19/03/2019)

**3. What else can they claim for list everything**

The Local Authority commissions Kernow Carers Service which consists of a voluntary and community sector partnership. It provides free help and support and is the main point of contact for Carers in Cornwall.

The service helps carers to access a range of support ranging from state entitlements through to small local community grants. For example; carers have been assisted with grants from Carers Trust, The Royal British Legion and have been helped with entitlements such as Blue Badge. It is not an exhaustive list; in essence the commissioned service will support carers with anything that helps to support their caring role.

A Carer also has a right to a Carers Assessment from the Local Authority, this looks at the support a Carer needs to look after someone else. This is also a function that the commissioned provider offers.

You can find out more about the help and support that's available on <https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/carers.page>

You can find other local groups that can help Carers on:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

You can also find out about benefits available to Carers on <https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/financial-support>

#### **4. How is it funded by government or just through council**

Services to carers in Cornwall are provided via a Pooled Fund, which is hosted by Cornwall Council and is jointly funded by NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group and Cornwall Council.

#### **5. How much does the council get for cares budget per year 2017-18 and 2018-2019**

2017 - 2018 budget: £724,000 (within Pooled Fund)

2018 – 2019 budget: £870,000 (within Pooled Fund)

#### **6. How much do they spend out in a year for carers budget 2017-18 and 2018-2019**

2017/18 actual: £755,530

2018/19 forecast outturn: £781,000

#### **7. How many people claim a carers budget in a year 2017-18 and 2018-2019**

2017/18: 2,030

2018/19: 2,013 (as at 19/03/2019)

#### **8. How long does it take from when you apply to receiving money and what is the procedure throughout process include all telephone numbers**

This link gives you the information you request <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/carers/carers-for-adults/carers-assessment/>

Once agreed the payment is made, we require no receipts and no audit if the payment is currently undertaken.

#### **9. How much does a carers budget get per person per year in Cornwall**

2017/18 average: £372

2018/19 average: £373 (as at 19/03/2019)

Following a carer's assessment that considers eligibility under the Care Act 2014 an eligible carer may be offered a Carer's Personal Budget.

Grants are also available to Carers Groups and Carers Organisations

- 10. Why is it varied so much from council to council if it's a government payment you would think all payments would be the same from council to council throughout the united kingdom otherwise this would be a discrimination on people because of where they live  
I have only checked 3 councils and it varies £400.00 Cornwall  
Westminster £600.00 Kingston up to a £1,000  
This doesn't seem right, what's the reason for this**

Following a Carer's assessment, which looks at the support a Carer needs to look after someone else and considers eligibility under the Care Act 2014, an eligible carer may be offered personalised services such as a Carers Personal Budget

This Personal Budget will enable the Carer to reach the outcomes identified in their support plan. This budget can be paid to Carers through a Direct Payment and can be paid in one lump sum or through smaller more regular amounts.

The amount of Carers Personal Budget a Carer may be entitled to will be dependent on the needs and outcomes identified in the discussion between the Carer and assessor during the completion of a Carer assessment.

Information is not held for Westminster & Kingston or any other local authority as a comparator. Each Local Authority is required to comply with national legislation and legal frameworks in order to determine the allocation of their budgets. Information on other Local Authority budgets and finance is not held.

- 11. Where are you based?**

**This question has been clarified as where are the decision makers based and not the Council overall.**

The main, and registered, office for the local authority is Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY. This is where the majority of the local authority corporate and strategic decision making is carried out.

The local authority has offices across Cornwall where Adult Social Care teams are based to support, and be accessible to, localities across Cornwall. Decisions on individual and group cases are also undertaken at these. More details on locations is available at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/contacting-the-council/information-service/>

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