



# Welfare and benefits *advice*



Understanding the financial help that is available for people affected by a life-limiting illness in Lincolnshire.



## Who is St Barnabas Hospice?

We are a local, independent charity that supports more than 12,000 people across Lincolnshire each year. Our clinical teams deliver free, high-quality, compassionate end-of-life care to adults living with a life-limiting or terminal illness, as well as supporting their families and carers. In addition, we provide welfare and benefits advice to people across Lincolnshire with a wide range of illnesses.

## How can the Welfare and Benefits team support you?

Our Welfare and Benefits team supports patients from early in their diagnosis, helping to ease their concerns, as well as those of their families and carers. The team is here for people across Lincolnshire living with a range of life-limiting illnesses, including cancer, heart failure, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's, dementia and more.

One of the first thoughts when someone is diagnosed with a life-limiting illness is about finances and the impact this will have on themselves and their family. Our Welfare and Benefits team are here to support in a variety of ways, including discussing the benefits you may be entitled to, supporting and completing application forms, and accessing grants or other support that may be needed.

Our support and advice is given free of charge.

## Are there special rules for people with a terminal illness?

If you are living with a terminal illness, certain benefits claims might be fast-tracked and paid at the highest rate. In some circumstances, you may automatically qualify for a higher rate of benefit without having to do assessments or fill out claim forms. Please contact us to discuss your eligibility for this.

# Which benefits could you be eligible for?

We support people to access a wide range of benefits, including **means tested** and **non-means tested**.

As well as this, we can help you apply for grants or a blue badge if applicable. Although there are some areas the team does not cover, such as debt management, housing or legal matters, we can signpost you to the relevant people.

Some benefits we can • support with include:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Blue Badge
- Macmillan Grant
- Other grants (based on condition/work history etc.)
- Universal Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Carers Allowance
- Funeral Grant
- Bereavement Support Payments

Further information on the above can be found at  
**[StBarnabasHospice.co.uk/welfare](https://www.stbarnabashospice.co.uk/welfare)**



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## How to apply for *support*

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To meet the criteria for support from the Welfare and Benefits team, you must be registered to a Lincolnshire GP and have a life-limiting illness which includes conditions such as cancer, dementia, Parkinson's, heart failure, motor neurone disease and more.

Anyone can make a referral to the St Barnabas Hospice Welfare and Benefit service.

Call **01476 513 544** between 8.30am and 4.30pm (Monday to Thursday) or 8.30am to 4pm (Friday).

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