

Application

Completed on the standard application form to include:

Name of our client

Name of your primary carer and address (if different)

Proof of receipt of mid range disability allowance or attendance allowance

If not your spouse, proof that the person is the primary carer

Payment

The primary carer will be granted under the scheme £500 per year (in 2 parts) to allow the carer two short breaks per financial year. The funding cannot be accumulated to provide for a longer break.

Evidential Requirements

The awards will NOT be subject to consideration of your financial position.

Full receipts for each £250 awarded is not required but before any subsequent payments are made the carer will have to provide evidence that the money was spent on a respite break.

Subsequent payments will only be made on receipt of evidence that the funding has been used for the purpose intended by the scheme

Maximum grant

£500 per year paid in 2 parts. Payment will be made direct to the carer.

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Carers Respite Breaks

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The Short Break Scheme provides short breaks and respite care breaks for primary carers of officers, ex officers, parents and the widows of murdered officers who have suffered as a result of the terrorist campaign and who meet the NIPF eligibility criteria. For the purposes of this scheme, a Primary Carer is defined as someone who has the sole responsibility for caring for an eligible ex officer who has been injured, and who would ordinarily be unable to take a respite break because of their responsibility for the dependant.

It will be for the carer to decide how to use the funding but the amount is intended to provide the carer with a short break and any respite service required during the break if the dependent is unable to travel with them.

Eligibility

This scheme is designed to recognise the role of the primary carer of disabled officers, ex officers, parents and widows. Normally the primary carer will be a spouse but it is recognised that in some circumstances it may be someone else. In this latter case the carer will have to be able to demonstrate that they provide the primary care role.

Carers of:

- Officers and former officers with serious physical injuries caused as a direct result of terrorist violence.
"Serious injuries" are deemed to be those which would entitle the applicant to an Band 2 medical discharge, as defined by an occupational physician.

Carers respite breaks

- A widow/er of an officer whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Widows of officers who were eligible but die post service; and Widow/ers already in receipt of support from the NI Police Fund will continue to be eligible for support when the officer has died of natural causes
- A parent of an officer whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence

Receipt of mid level (or above) Disability Living allowance or the lower rate of attendance allowance or your doctor certifies that **the client requires:**

- a. frequent attention from another person throughout the day in connection with bodily functions; or**
- b. Continual supervision throughout the day in order to avoid substantial danger to themselves or others; or**
- c. Prolonged or repeated attention at night in connections with bodily functions; or**
- d. Another person to be awake at night for a prolonged period or at frequent intervals for the purpose of watching over the client in order to avoid substantial danger to themselves or others.**