

Adult Social Care

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Dear Care Worker,

Blue Light Card - Discount Scheme for our valued Care Workers in Sheffield

We want to extend our appreciation and recognition for the dedication and commitment of all the care workers, including Personal Assistants, throughout Sheffield in what has been and continues to be an extremely challenging time. We recognise that you make such a positive difference to the quality of life for the people you care for.

As part of a new Care Worker Rewards and Benefits Scheme, we will be launching a Mental Health Wellbeing initiative for care workers in January, however we didn't want to delay getting the first benefit of this scheme to you in the run up to Christmas.

Therefore we would like to tell you a bit more about the Blue Light Card, please click on the link provided for further information : [Welcome to Blue Light Card](#)

Sheffield City Council are providing funding for all Sheffield care workers who sign up to the Blue Light Card before the end of March 2022, at a cost of £4.99 for two years. The card is for the exclusive use of health and social care workers and the emergency services. The Blue Light Card enables you to access a huge range of discounts that can be used both online and in shops, restaurants and cinemas.

The current discounts from the Blue Light Card include a 10% discount offer at Morrisons and Asda which we hope you will be able to take advantage of over the Christmas and new year period.

Those care workers who are already benefitting from the Blue Light Card can claim £4.99 back through their employer, by providing a picture of their Blue Light Card with their name.

We would like to encourage all care workers to sign up for the Blue Light Card. You will need to register yourself following the above link, and initially pay the £4.99 cost, which will be reimbursed by your employer, who will then recover the cost from Sheffield City Council.

When registering for the card, Personal Assistants should follow these steps:

From the Blue Light Card 'Home' page, click 'register'
In the 'Your Service' box, select 'Social Care', then click next
In the 'Your Trust / Division box, select 'Care Company (workforce)'
In the 'Your Job Title or Position, type 'Personal Assistant, then click next

They then will be able to add their personal details and will be requested to upload their ID badge. For this they should upload the key worker letter.

To allow Personal Assistants to claim the £4.99, they will need to forward proof of registration and payment along with their employer's details to Disability Sheffield. The refund will be made to the Individual Employer in the next Direct Payment. The employer must then refund their Personal Assistants.

To make sure Personal Assistants can sign up to the Blue Light Card scheme, they will need a letter to prove they are a key worker. For this, their employer should request a key worker from Disability Sheffield [Disability Sheffield website](#). **ADD LINK**. They will need to provide their name and address and the names of the paid Personal Assistants. If you already have key worker letters, provided by Disability Sheffield then your Personal Assistants can use these.

While you wait for your card to be dispatched through the post, you will be able to download the Blue Light Card App to your Smartphone, with many retailers allowing you to claim discounts by showing proof of your registration on your phone.

We will be sharing information regarding our Mental Health Wellbeing initiative to further support care workers early in the new year.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our care workers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely

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