



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

The Governments' own means testing model recommends (paragraph 8) that someone on income support etc should not be means tested and that the allowance should be paid in full without any deductions for child benefit etc do you comply with this or do you means test then deduct.

This is not our interpretation of the Special Guardianship guidance as published January 2017. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/656593/Special_guardianship_statutory_guidance.pdf

If a child is on DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE do you use this as income when means testing.

No

When a child is on DLA (middle or high rate) the child tax credit pay a DISABILITY PREMIUM do you deduct this from the allowance or just the basic child tax credit.

Basic tax credit.

Special guardians are told by National support groups that the allowance should be the National minimum fostering allowance rate do you comply with this and what constitutes the minimum rate ie:pocket money etc etc.

Yes.

do you increase the allowance yearly if not how often do you increase it.

All SGO payments are subject to annual review and the allowance alters based on the age of the child.

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