

Response to Request for Information

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War Pension Scheme and Care

Request:

Please send me information with regards to the following questions:

Does your local authority exempt an individual's War Pension – also referred to as the War Pension Scheme or War Service Pensions – from the means test for any social care received?

Yes

If yes – on what basis does the exemption work? Please include any internal or external guidance used in the means testing process?

Adult Social Care follows the City of Wolverhampton Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction local scheme and applies the disregard at the financial assessment stage.

Information about the disregard is contained within public information leaflets worded as follows for non-residential social care: *“If you receive War Disablement Pension with or without Attendance Allowance or an equivalent rate of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment (and you have less than £23,250 in savings), you will be treated as being in Band A [Nil charge] under the simple financial assessment (FAF1). This is because War Disablement Pension is disregarded from the calculation of income for financial assessment purposes.”* The residential charging information is currently under review and will include similar words.

If no – how many individuals receiving care or support with care have their War Pension taken into account when they receive any means tested care?

Care refers to any residential or non-residential care provided by, or on behalf of, your local authority.

N/A

War Pension refers to the War Pension Scheme awarded for illness, injury, death or disease caused or exacerbated by service in any of the armed forces prior to the 6th of April 2005.