



DPUF Meeting: 1 PM, Tuesday 27th Jan 2026

Minutes of meeting held at The Winkfield Resource Centre

Attendees: 13

Victoria D (VW), Gullu K (GK), Priti N (PN), Matilda A (MA), Eylu F (EF), Menassie (M), Thomas K (TK), Penny T (PT), Osman D (OD), David R (DR), Orkun S (OS), Hijseyin K (HK), Selda A (SA), Hassy N (HN), Nimet T (NT), John P (JP), Hoda A (HA), Jackie S (JS), Graham D (GD), Suparna B (SB), Jon A (JA), Andrea B (JB), Lydia S (LS) Greig C (GC).

Minutes:

Welcome and Introduction

- LS welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.
- LS welcomed JA from Inclusion London as a special guest speaker to present to the group.

Presentation and Discussion

- JA presented on Disability Related Expenses (DRE) and the importance of maintaining proof of bills to reduce care costs.
- JA recommended that you always request for written correspondence for the council (whether it's a review or reason for denial) so that you have a record of what has been said.
- JA advised that under the Care Act, the council has a duty to carry out due diligence by informing individuals about what Disability-Related Expenditure (DRE) is and the importance of keeping receipts.

- JA agreed to share his contact details along with the guide to claiming DRE and the chat bot of Inclusion London which could be used as a tool to communicate more effectively with respect to DRE.

Q&A

PT asked a few questions on providing evidence for Disability Related Expenditure (DRE), including:

- The types of proof required
- The time period for which evidence must be provided
- How to evidence DRE when another individual makes purchases on your behalf

JA advised the following:

- Evidence of DRE should be maintained over a full 12-month period.
- Individuals should retain receipts for all relevant purchases, clearly crossing out any non-DRE items.
- Copies of receipts should be made to ensure they remain legible and usable over time.
- Where another person purchases items on the individual's behalf, receipts may still be submitted provided they clearly relate to the disabled person's needs.

HA asked whether a deposit for a Motability vehicle could be considered as DRE.

- JA confirmed this is acceptable, explaining that any costs associated with a Motability vehicle, including the deposit and ongoing fuel costs, may be considered as DRE.
- GC briefed the members on the Personal Assistant recognition program. SB efforts as PA were recognised by MA, PN and MM while JS was recognised by TK.

Actions:



- Jon can be contacted on jon.abrams@inclusionlondon.org.uk for any advice relating to DRE
- Guide to claiming Disability-Related Expenditure (DRE) a helpful website guide for anyone being charged, with lots of examples and a template letter: [Guide to claiming DRE | Scrap Care Charges](#)
- This is the link to the chat bot: [Reduce your social care charges today - Inclusion London](#)

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned by GC.
- Refreshments and Networking.