

Do you or your partner have a carer who stays overnight in your home?

Do you rent your home from a private landlord?

**Is the overnight care provided by a carer who
doesn't live in your home?**

**Do you have a room that your carer uses to
sleep in overnight?**



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If the answer to all these questions is yes, then from April 2011 the help you get with your rent can take account of this.

From April 2011, a bedroom that is used by a carer (or team of carers) who doesn't actually live in your home can be taken into account when working out how much Housing Benefit to pay.

In some cases, this could result in an increase in Housing Benefit. But there will also be other changes to the Housing Benefit rules coming in at the same time that may affect any extra that could have been paid. This means that all of your circumstances will need to be considered to take account of all the new rules to decide whether you can get more money.

Even if your Housing Benefit doesn't increase as a result, it is still in your interest to tell us if you or your partner has this type of care arrangement. So, if you think that you might be entitled to help with the cost of an extra bedroom that is used by a carer, please call our helpline number **01543 464292** or email us at **benefits@cannockchasedc.gov.uk**

Where can I get more information?

You can contact us:

Telephone: **01543 464292** (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm)

Fax: **01543 464646**

Email: **benefits@cannockchasedc.gov.uk**

Write to: Local Taxation and Benefits Service, Cannock Chase Council,
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