

DEPENDENT CARERS' ALLOWANCE			
LOCAL AUTHORITY	CARERS' ALLOWANCE	RATE	UP TO MAXIMUM
Sefton	Yes	Minimum wage	£60 per week
Liverpool	Yes	Minimum wage - £6.31 per hour	Not stated
Knowsley	Yes	Minimum wage - £6.31 per hour	10 hours per week
Wirral	Yes	Not exceeding £5.52 per hour	Not stated
St. Helens	Yes	£4.50 per hour	Not stated
Halton	Yes	See next box	Actual receipted costs subject to prior agreement with Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy
Warrington	Yes	£10.61 per hour	10 hours per week
Cheshire East	Yes	See next box	£6,100 per calendar year
Cheshire West and Chester	Yes	See next box	£5,722 per year
West Lancs	Yes	Actual costs	Up to £6.00 per hour

(Note: 1. A survey of 386 local authorities in England was conducted by the Local Government Association in winter 2008 (this was the latest survey to be undertaken). A total of 324 authorities responded (83.9%). The survey showed that 89.5% of authorities offered a dependent carers' allowance at an average hourly rate of £7.83. 72.2% also offered a childcare allowance and the average hourly rate offered was £7.03; and

2. the national minimum wage referred to in the table (£6.31) is the amount payable to persons aged 21 and over. This figure has been in place since 1 October 2013)