

Work Focused Support for Carers

What is Work Focused Support for Carers?

Work Focused Support for Carers (WFSC) is a voluntary scheme designed to help people who wish to combine paid work with their role caring for someone.

You can choose to take part, and are free to stop taking part, at any time. Even if you don't feel ready to work now but might like to in the future, you can still take advantage of the support available.

Who is eligible?

Work Focused Support for Carers is available to carers who:

- do not work or work less than 16 hours a week
- are aged 18 or over
- are not able to get help from any of the other Jobcentre Plus employment support programmes such as New Deal or Pathways to Work.

Will my benefits be affected?

If you are in receipt of benefits they will not be affected by taking part in WFSC. If you find a job you are interested in, your personal adviser will be able to tell you how your benefits will be affected if you start work and help you apply for any in work benefits or tax credits if appropriate.



What help will Jobcentre Plus give me to find work?

Your adviser can help you with advice on training, finding a job, local childcare and local replacement care. Also, if you start work, your adviser can continue to provide support and advice.

What other support is available?

Jobcentre Plus may be able to help pay for things like replacement care while you attend appointments with the personal adviser, take part in a training course or attend job interviews.

Where should I go for more information?

To find out more about getting into work or training, you can:

- visit www.direct.gov.uk/carersemployment
- arrange an appointment with an adviser at your nearest Jobcentre.