

Individual employers

Do you need money for training?

If you employ your own care and support staff using a direct payment, a personal health budget (PHB), or your own money, you can apply to Skills for Care to get money for training for you and your personal assistant. The money that is available is called individual employer funding. Here are some examples of the type of training you could use the money for:

Moving and assisting



First aid



Communication



Dementia awareness



Diabetes awareness



Risk assessment



How can I apply?

To apply for the money, please fill in the application form by visiting our website www.skillsforcare.org.uk/iefunding or call **0113 245 1716** to ask for an application form. Easy read versions of both the application form and guidance are also available.

Hear from Sharon who applied for funding

Skills for Care funding really has given me the ability to lead an independent life.

Sharon Taylor-Brown employs a team of PAs and she applied for funding to pay for six PAs to attend training as part of the Care Certificate. As a result of the training, Sharon's PAs feel more confident in their role and ultimately provide better care and support.

The funding enabled the training to be delivered in her own home so it was personalised to my needs, and included personalised training including:

- changing Supra Pubic Catheter bags, flipflos and statlocks
- how to do CPR if Sharon's in her wheelchair
- how to cope with Sharon's autistic tendencies of needing a routine.

The training has literally transformed my life.

Sharon told us: "As a result of it we could train my PAs to a higher level enabling them to perform my nursing tasks wherever I am - whether out socialising or at a friend's house because my staff can now go everywhere with me.

"Since the training I have found the staff are more confident and knowledgeable about me and my medical conditions. It was tailored to meet my needs -physical, mental and emotional - meaning they were better able to cope when I had a stroke a few weeks after the training was completed.

Resources to help you

Find out more and apply for funding at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/iefunding.

You can find more resources to help you on the information hub for individual employers and personal assistants www.skillsforcare.org.uk/iepahub.

The rules

You can apply for yourself or on behalf of your personal assistant (PA). Applications close on 28 February 2019 and all learning and qualifications must be paid for and started before 31 March 2019. Only people living in England can apply.

