

Scottish Government - £500 payment for Personal Assistants – Launching 30 June 2021

Dear Colleague

The Scottish Government Personal Assistant Team is writing to our external partners who may have contact with PA's and their employers. You will be pleased to know that the payment [portal](#) for PA's to apply for the £500 thank you payment will open on Wednesday 30 June. Please can you inform any PA and their employers.

Please contact all of your networks who employ PA's to inform them about the payment [portal](#) for eligible PA's to apply for their £500 thank you payment. We would be very grateful if you could pass on the following message:

'A dedicated [online](#) and paper based application form, administered by Scotland Excel on behalf of the Scottish Government, will be launched on Wednesday 30 June 2021 to pay Personal Assistants who are eligible to receive their £500 payment for NHS and Social Care staff.

The Scottish Government has worked with disabled led organisations and payroll providers to find the quickest way to reach Personal Assistants.

The Scottish Government recognises the unique place that Personal Assistants and Personal Assistant Employers hold within social care and we encourage all eligible Personal Assistants to claim for this payment in recognition of their invaluable work throughout the pandemic.'

Full guidance and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on the Scottish Government website at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-social-care-workforce-gbp500-payment-guidance-for-personal-assistants>.

The application process will be supported with a helpline provided by Self-directed Support Scotland (SDSS): 0800 841 1321 and a link to the online portal can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/500PoundApplicationsForPAs/>

A PA is eligible if they are directly paid by an employer who receives funds to employ staff from Independent Living Fund (ILF) Scotland through their fund or from a Local Authority through Option 1 Social Care (Self Directed Support) Act 2013. Also if they are PA to an adult and were paid to be their PA over a continuous 4-week period between 17 March 2020 and 30 November 2020; this is the qualifying period.

We will continue to provide further updates regarding the launch of the [portal](#) on Wednesday 30 June but if you use social media, you may wish to follow @SG_SDSPolicy, @KevinStewartSNP and @HumzaYousaf.

Please also can I encourage you to share this communication with your own networks. If you feel someone may be missing from this mailing list, please forward details to PA500@gov.scot receive regular updates.