



## **Discharge Grant Scheme Frequently Asked Questions – Informal Carer**

### **1. What is the Discharge Grant Scheme?**

Individuals may require support on discharge to regain confidence and independence. The Discharge Grant Scheme promotes personalised care enabling the individual to be in control of how the care is delivered. The Discharge Grant may be used to pay a family member, friend, or private carer to provide the support identified. A Support Plan will be agreed prior to the grant.

### **2. I am taking leave from my job to do this; will this affect the way I am taxed?**

The Discharge Grant may impact the way you are taxed. You will need to notify HMRC of the additional income.

### **3. I am self-employed, do I have to declare this as income in my next tax return?**

The Discharge Grant is a form of payment therefore you will need to declare it on your next tax return.

### **4. What do I do if the person I am supporting becomes unwell?**

Everybody who is discharged home from hospital will have continued support from their GP. You will therefore need to contact their GP if they become unwell. If it is a medical emergency, then you would contact 999.

### **5. What happens if the person I am caring for begins to need more care during the period I am supporting them?**

