

What's it for?

New Scottish disability benefits are launching

- Responsibility for delivery of disability benefits in Scotland is changing from UK Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to Social Security Scotland, starting with Child Disability Payment (CDP) in November, replacing UK Disability Living Allowance for Children (DLAC)

Supporting clients who apply for benefits

- When someone applies for a disability benefit, they can ask for help by requesting that we gather supporting health information that proves their entitlement from their GP or other health or social care professionals

A new approach to the existing DWP process

- This is very similar to what you already do when DWP send you a Factual Report or DS1500 form for DLAC, except our new forms will be tailored to the individual client's case and sent securely using SCI Gateway. Forms will usually have only a few questions, making them quicker and easier to fill in

Is sharing data mandatory?

- GP practices are required under the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 to respond if we send you a request for information on behalf of a client
- We are putting an Information Sharing Agreement in place to help ensure the sharing happens securely, efficiently, accountably and to demonstrate compliance with data protection legislation and best practice

Timeline

September

- Child Disability Payment intro letter circulated
- GP Information Sharing Agreement Fact Sheet circulated



October

- Information Sharing Agreement circulated to GPs and Health Boards for signatures



November

- Child Disability Payment launches nationally across Scotland



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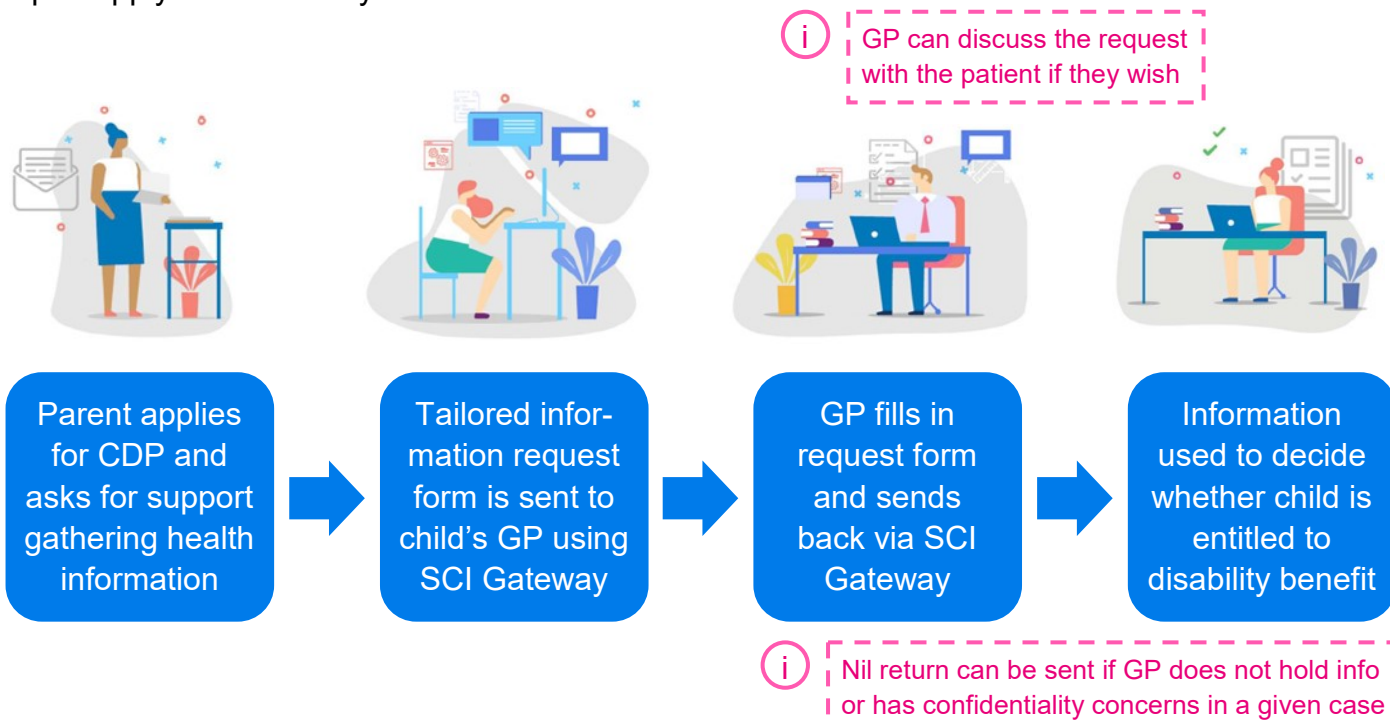
- Information Sharing Agreement reviewed for new disability benefit launches



We'll send you the Agreement and ask you to sign up at this point

How will the sharing work in practice?

We will use SCI Gateway to send you tailored forms requesting information when the client wants help to apply for a disability benefit



Why sign up?

If you don't sign up to the Agreement, the sharing will still take place, but by signing up you can help us work together in an organised and transparent way. The advantages are:

Consistency

- Sharing in a consistent way across the country helps all our patients and clients receive the same level of support

Efficiency

- Establishes a standard sharing process for GPs, saving time and reducing risk of human errors

Clarity

- Provides clarity on roles and how and why the data sharing takes place

Accountability

- Demonstrates compliance with data protection legislation in the event of audits or complaints

Communication

- Defines clear channels for raising issues and enabling engagement with those involved

Assurance

- Demonstrates, alongside the supporting Data Protection Impact Assessment, that privacy-by-design and risk mitigation have taken place

Collaboration

- Developed in collaboration with SGPC, RCGP Scotland, NHS Scotland and Scottish Government, including advice from information governance and security experts