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No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) is an immigration condition restricting access to public funds, including many mainstream benefits such as welfare and housing.

As a result of this restriction, families and individuals may have a right to financial support (accommodation and subsistence payments) from social services in order to avoid destitution or because of complex health needs. In these cases, the local authority has a duty to support the accommodation and subsistence costs of residents with NRPF.

This document explains what Sandwell Children’s Trust will pay to meet essential living needs.

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|  | **Home Office S95 support rates £52.96 per child and £43.94 per parent (£72.52 couple)**  | **SCT weekly cash payment (aligned to HO S95 support) of £52.96 per child, £43.94 per parent and £72.52 per couple if accommodated in receipt of breakfast. (£3.00 pp per day is paid directly to the accommodation provider for breakfast)**  |
| 1 parent + 1 child  | 96.9  | 54.9  |
| 1 parent + 2 children  | 149.86  | 86.86  |
| 1 parent + 3 children  | 202.82  | 118.82  |
| 1 parent + 4 children  | 255.78  | 150.78  |
| 2 parents + 1 child  | 125.48  | 62.48  |
| 2 parent + 2 children  | 178.44  | 94.44  |
| 2 parent + 3 children  | 231.40  | 126.40  |
| 2 parent + 4 children  | 284.36  | 158.36  |

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SCT will make additional payments of £5 for a baby under the age of 12 months. Pregnant women and children aged between one and three years will receive £3 extra per week.

**Why have we set these rates?**

SCT provides weekly subsistence payments to individuals and families who have no recourse to public funds and qualify for social services support.

SCT’s subsistence rates are in line with rates defined by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for those seeking asylum, under Section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999). This legislation requires that provision for asylum seekers meets essential living needs. This definition is considered to be equal to the provision of local authority NRPF support, which is intended to be short term emergency support whilst a person’s immigration status is resolved. SCT reviewed its rates in November 2014.

**Exceptional circumstances and changes in circumstances**

Subsistence rates can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the NRPF Group Head when requested by the client at a Panel meeting. Some exceptions to the policy are outlined below:

* If the client has significant additional needs
* Subsistence payments may be lower than the amount above if the client is in accommodation which provides for some essential living needs.
* Subsistence payments will be lower if the client is in receipt of any other income – for example if in receipt of Child Benefit or Child Tax Credit this will be deducted from the subsistence payments.

If there is any change in circumstances the subsistence payment will be recalculated and updated. The policy will be made available to all clients at the start of their service with SCT or upon request at any time.