

## Discretionary Learner Support (DLS)

Discretionary Learner Support (DLS) is intended to support Learners with a specific financial hardship that prevents them from participating in learning. Before making an award the Learner's specific financial hardship need must be identified within the following areas:

- 19+ hardship
- 20+ childcare
- Residential Access Fund.

DLS is available to support Learners studying adult further education and skills in Colleges, External Institutions (EIs), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and Sixth Form Colleges. Learners who are eligible for support are not automatically entitled to it.