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From: G Williams D1C  
Date: 10 May 1993  
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THE EILEEN TRUST

1. I attach a copy of the draft letter which has been prepared for use by DH and which will be issued to beneficiaries of the Eileen Trust.
2. Please let me know if you require any further information.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Your reference

Our reference

Date

### THE EILEEN TRUST

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This note explains how payments from the Eileen Trust\* are treated for Social Security purposes. It also sets out the circumstances in which these payments may be passed on to certain other people without affecting their benefits.

(\* The Eileen Trust is a charitable trust established by the Secretary of State for Health on 29 March 1993.)

#### 2. WHICH BENEFITS?

- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Family Credit
- Disability Working Allowance
- Social Fund Payments
- Help with NHS costs

Other Social Security benefits are not affected.

#### 3. PAYMENTS FROM THE EILEEN TRUST TO QUALIFYING PERSONS

If you are a qualifying person\*\*, payments from the Eileen Trust will not affect any benefit you receive from the Department of Social Security (DSS) or local authority.

(\*\* A qualifying person is a person who is entitled to a payment from the scheme of payments known as the Fund established by the Secretary of State for Health on 24 April 1992 and the Secretary of State for Scotland on 10 April 1992. It does not include a person who receives a payment on behalf of a qualifying person or from a qualifying person.)

You do not have to tell the DSS or local authority that you have had a payment from the Eileen Trust. As long as you keep the payment completely separate from money in any other bank, building society or other account, or if you invest it you do not put other money in the same investment, you will not need to disclose that you have received a payment.

If you decide to add the payment to an existing account or investment, although the sum will not affect your benefit, you may have to explain to the DSS or local authority where the payment came from.

#### 4. PAYMENTS FROM QUALIFYING PERSONS TO THEIR PARTNERS OR CHILDREN

If you are a qualifying person and you give or leave the money that you have received from the Eileen Trust to:

- your partner (provided that your relationship has not broken down)
- a dependent child (but see section 8)

the money will not affect any benefit you, your partner or the child's guardian receive from the DSS or local authority.

This applies whether the gift or bequest is in cash, or has been converted into something else, such as National Savings Certificates.

Your partner or the child's guardian does not have to tell the DSS or local authority about the gift or bequest. But he/she does have to tell them if the money is kept with any other savings or capital he/she may have.

#### 5. PAYMENTS FROM QUALIFYING PERSONS TO THEIR PARENTS

If you are a qualifying person and you do not have a partner or a dependent child and you give any money you have received from the Eileen Trust to:

- your parents or step parents
- your guardian (but only if you have no parents or step parents and you have not completed your full-time education, for example you are at school, college or university)

the money will not affect any benefit they receive from the DSS or local authority during your lifetime and for a further period of 2 years from the date of your death. After the 2 years they must tell the DSS or local authority about all of their capital. This will be taken into account when deciding how much benefit can be paid to them.

#### 6. PAYMENTS FROM QUALIFYING PERSONS TO OTHER PERSONS

If you give or leave money to any other person he/she must tell the DSS or local authority immediately if he/she is claiming any of the benefits in section 2. The special rules outlined above do not apply in these cases and payments will be taken into account in the normal way.

## 7. PAYMENTS FROM PARTNERS OF QUALIFYING PERSONS

If you are the partner of a qualifying person and you give or leave any money that you have received from the Eileen Trust to:

- your partner, who is a qualifying person (provided that your relationship has not broken down)
- a dependent child of your partner who is a qualifying person (but see section 8)

the money will not affect any benefit you, your partner or the child's guardian, receive from the DSS or local authority.

This applies whether the gift or bequest is in cash, or has been converted into something else, such as National Savings Certificates.

Your partner or the child's guardian does not have to tell the DSS or local authority about the gift or bequest. But he/she does have to tell them if the money is kept with any other savings or capital.

If you give or leave money to any other person, he/she must tell the DSS or local authority if he/she is claiming any of the benefits listed in section 2. The special rules outlined above do not apply in these cases and payments will be taken into account in the normal way.

## 8. PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY CHILDREN

If your child has received money under sections 4 or 7, he/she must tell the DSS or local authority about their capital when he/she is:

- 16 years old or over

and

- claims one of the benefits in section 2, or
- is the partner of another person who is claiming such a benefit in respect of him or her;

Any capital which he/she has will be taken into account in deciding how much benefit can be paid to him/her or to that other person.

But he/she does not have to tell the DSS or local authority about any payment he/she has received as a qualifying person from the Eileen Trust (see section 3).

## 9. REMEMBER - IF YOU HAVE OTHER INCOME AND SAVINGS

You, or anyone who is claiming for you, must let the DSS or local authority know about any other income or savings that you, your partner or children have.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are in doubt about any of the above or have any other questions, for free, confidential information ring the Freeline Social Security number - 0800 666555. You will not be charged for your call.

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