

### Case Study: Income Scenario- Lone Parent dependent on Social Welfare<sup>1</sup>

	Weekly	Yearly
<b><u>Income from OFP</u></b>		
Personal rate	185.80	9661.60
Dependent children (22.00 x 2)	44.00	2288.00
Total OFP	229.80	11949.60
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>		
OFP	229.80	11949.60
Child Benefit	73.85	3840.00
Early Childcare Supplement (for 1 child)	19.23	1000.00
BSCFA (180.00 per child)	6.92	360.00
Fuel Allowance <sup>2</sup>	10.04	522.00
<b>Total cash income</b>	<b>339.84</b>	<b>17671.60</b>

### **Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

Total weekly income	339.84
Less disregards:	
Child benefit	73.85
Early Childcare Supplement	19.23
Fuel Allowance	10.04
BSCFA	6.92

<sup>1</sup> It is important to point out that Social Welfare recipients often receive a bonus payment at Christmas from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This payment is not calculated in our scenario as the payment is not guaranteed and can vary each year.

<sup>2</sup> Fuel Allowance paid from early October – late April (29 weeks).

Income disregard	32.00
Assessable income	197.80
Rent (15% of 197.80)	<b>29.67</b>
-€1.00 for each dependent child <sup>3</sup>	<b>27.67</b>

**Eligibility for a medical card**

**This family will qualify for a medical card, as their only income is from social welfare**

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<sup>3</sup> Dublin City Council (DCC) deducts a €1.00 for each dependent child. This deduction is particular to DCC and does not apply across all Local Authorities.