

Special Needs Inclusion Playcare Service

Direct payments to Parents and Carers for childcare when you are at work.

The service is able to provide parents and carers the option of receiving a direct payment if they would prefer to employ a Personal Assistant to meet their childcare requirements.

To be eligible for a direct payment the following requirements will need to be satisfied.

1. Parents & Carers must have parental responsibility for the disabled child or young person.
2. Where there are 2 parents or carers in the household both must be in paid employment or undertaking relevant training.
3. Parents and Carers must be willing and able to undertake the financial responsibility of managing a direct payment and of employing staff.
A support service free of charge to Service Users can provide information, advice and support.
4. Parents and Carers contribute £3.25 per hour.

Direct payment hours are paid for the actual hours that you are in work and reasonable travelling time. This can include evenings and weekends.

Personal Assistants could look after the child in their own home or support the child access universal recreation and leisure services.

Direct Payments for childcare for working parents are currently being reviewed.

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