



The who, what, when & how of Direct Payments..



The right to choose.....





What is a Direct Payment...

- A direct Payment is a sum of money paid to a family to enable them to buy care and support they need for their child or young person.
- The payment can also be used to pay for equipment.
- A direct Payment can be paid to a 16 -17 year old.
- A direct payment can be used to pay for a Personal assistant.

..... families.. Staying
together.....staying strong



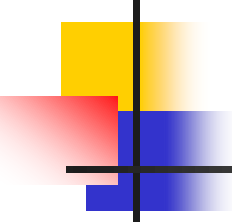


Who can receive a direct payment?

- Most people who have been assessed as needing a social care service can get direct payments. This includes people with:
 - physical or sensory impairment
 - learning disabilities
 - mental health problems

Living a good life...





... You can also receive direct payment if you are a:

- carer who has been assessed as needing support in your own right
- parent of a disabled child - for services that support you in bringing up your child.

We agree!! you need help...



Thinking about a direct payment..



- A inclusion officer or a social worker will undertake an assessment of need.
- This will include a visit to your home to talk to you and your son or daughter.
- They will discuss what your needs are, and your child or young person, and consider with you how those needs might be met.



Understanding your needs...

- A social worker or Inclusion Officer will visit you in your own home. They will wish to meet with you and your child, or children.
- They will gather information, and discuss with you what is your level of need.
- You will talk together about how your needs may be met and if you are eligible for services from social care.

What kind of help is needed...



Assessment complete.. What next.....



- The social worker will complete a Direct Payment support plan with you.
- All this information will go to a panel made up of team managers, service managers and partnership staff.
- Is social care is best placed to meet the needs and if the DP is an appropriate way to meet these needs?

We need to know if it's
working for everyone....





Feedback.....

- The person who worked with you on the assessment will let you know if the panel agree the outcomes.
- Further information may be required or you may be asked to consider alternatives.
- The Panel meets fortnightly but more urgent decisions can be made outside of panel.

Next steps...Planning

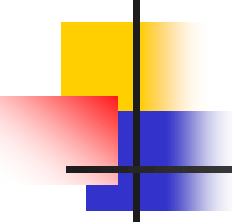


- A worker from CDT will visit you to discuss what support you need to use your direct payment.
- They will talk to you about a payroll service.
- They will talk to you about what an being an employer means.



Working in Partnership....





How to refer yourself for an assessment.

- Contact your local social work office
- You can ring social care Children with Disabilities on 2735368 they will transfer to the area team.
- You can ask a youth worker or a teacher or similar to complete a CAF and this will be forwarded to the local service.



Also ... what happens when...





Transition planning.

- Review DP's
- Approaching 18 inform Transitions
- DP stays in place until Adults strike up funding...
- Payments will go to your son or daughter.

Going back to work....





Child care support through Direct Payments.

- The first £3.25 is paid by parents or carers
- The Direct Payment rate is currently £7.20
- Contribution is £3.95
- The payment contributes towards the child care, it does not include cost of outings, travel, or food.
- This service is arranged through the Special needs inclusive play service.



Why use a direct Payment

- Families can problem solve
- Support is provided in a way which makes sense to families
- Families can innovate.
- Choice and control is supported.



..... One presentation is never enough

- Keep talking
- We are learning.
- We are listening.
- Once is never enough.....