

I'm interested in Direct Payments, what happens next?

If you are new to Adult Social Care or do not currently have a named social worker, care manager or occupational therapist, then please:

- phone our Access Point on 01273 295555
- email accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk

If you do have a worker you can talk to them about Direct Payments and they will guide you through the process



Translation? Tick this box and take to any council office.

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This can also be made available in large print, Braille, or on CD or audio tape

How to find out more

For further information:

- phone our Access Point on 01273 295555
- email accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- visit our web pages at:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/access

You will also find helpful information in the following leaflets:

- Are you entitled to help from Adult Social Care Services?
- Charges for services
- Self Directed Support



What are Direct Payments?

Direct Payments is one of the ways Adult Social Care provides support to people who are eligible for services. This method brings you, or the person you care for, greater independence, choice and control. By providing money instead of directly provided services the council is giving you the flexibility to fund the care services you want, be it for direct employment or purchased through a care agency.

If you are unable to manage Direct Payments yourself we can provide indirect payments where someone you trust becomes responsible for managing the money on your behalf.

How do I get Direct Payments?

If you are already a service user wishing to transfer to Direct Payments, or if you are new to Adult Social Care, you will need to contact the access point to discuss your individual circumstances and care needs. If you meet the council's eligibility criteria you will then be considered for direct payments.

What can I spend my Direct Payments on?

- employing a personal assistant
- employing a care worker from an agency
- a live-in carer
- short stays in care homes (no more than four weeks)
- daytime activities
- equipment

Direct Payments can cover all or part of your support needs. They can be used for ongoing support or as a single one-off payment.

What do I have to do?

You will need to open a separate bank account for the Direct Payments to be paid into, this is essential because your monthly bank statements are used for monitoring payments.

If you have been assessed to pay a financial contribution towards the cost of your care, this will need to be paid into this separate bank account.

If a single, one-off payment is being made, then a separate account is not necessary.

If opening a bank account is difficult for you we can help by providing a supported bank account.

When you take up direct payments you may have someone in mind that you want to support you, in which case you will need to have employers' liability insurance for them as well as national insurance and tax. The cost of these will be included in your direct payments and we can make sure everything is in place for you.

Do I have to pay anything towards this?

As with traditional care services you will need to have a financial assessment to see if you will be expected to make a contribution towards your care.

We have produced an information leaflet entitled 'Charges for non-residential services', which will explain the charges in more detail.

Do I get help to manage the money?

Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People provides a Direct Payments Support Service, which includes:

- information and advice
- pay roll service
- supported bank accounts
- support to recruit, interview, select and vet people you employ