Direct Payments



What is a Direct Payment?

If we agree that you are eligible for care, we will work out what amount the council will pay towards this.

The council can arrange your care for you, **or** you can choose to have the amount we agree paid directly to you – this is called a **direct payment.**

Who can have a direct payment?

You can have direct payments if:

- you are over 16 and have eligible needs.
- You are a parent of a child who has eligible needs.

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If you choose direct payments:



- you will have to arrange your own care.



- you must agree to the rules.



- most people get their money on a special card.



- you can choose someone to help you if you can't manage the money yourself.

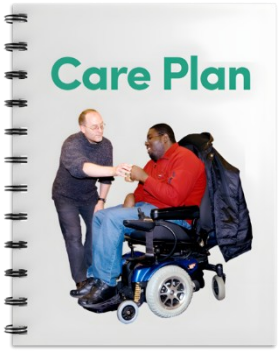


- you will need to add money if the council don't pay for the full amount of your care.

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What can you use a direct payment for?



You can only spend the money on the things that we agreed in your care plan.

This includes things like:

- personal care
- help when going out
- equipment to help you

Ending direct payments



If you don't need care anymore, we will stop paying your direct payments.

You can also choose to stop them at any time.

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