



# What is a Direct Payment?



This booklet is an easy read guide to Direct Payments.

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# What is a Direct Payment?



A Direct Payment is money from your local authority (your council) to help pay for your care.



You control the money you get, instead of the council.



The money can help you meet your needs in different ways.

# Who can have a Direct Payment?



An older person who needs community care services



A disabled person over 16 years old



A parent of someone who is disabled

# Who can have a Direct Payment?



A full time carer for a relative



A disabled parent who needs help being a parent



A person helping someone who cannot look after money on their own

# How can you spend Direct Payments?



It can help you pay for a Personal Assistant or a carer to support you.



Your Personal Assistant/carer can help you with lots of different things, like personal care.

# If you want a Direct Payment



You have to show you can manage the Direct Payment money on your own or with help.



You have to show you will spend the Direct Payment money on the right things.



It is your choice. You do not have to get Direct Payments and your council can still take care of things if you want.



# What does ecdp do?



**ecdpr** is here to help you.



**ecdpr** will look after your money for you in a special bank account. We call this a payroll account.



We will pay your Personal Assistant or carer for you, using the money in your payroll account.



We will speak to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for you, and make payments of tax and National Insurance (NI) on your behalf.



This means you will not have to worry about your money.

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