

Do you know about Direct Payments?

Instead of giving you a care service, your local social services may be able to offer you a direct cash payment for you to arrange your own support.

You may be entitled to a Direct Payment if:

You are a person of any age who is **assessed by social services** as having support needs or someone currently receiving a community care service.

For example:

- You have a physical or sensory disability
- You have a learning difficulty or a long term mental health condition
- You have HIV or related illness
- You are a parent/carer of a child with a disability
- You provide substantial and regular care to a disabled person over the age of 16

Direct Payments can enable you to employ someone to assist you with personal care, social activities or communication.

The **Shaw Trust Independent Living Service** will provide advice and support with recruiting and employing a personal assistant.

For more information please contact:



Information about direct payments is also available from your local social services.

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