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Making Surrey a better place

Direct payments for disabled children and young people

Giving you choice, control and flexibility



Surrey County Council is changing the way that you can receive support. You could have a Direct Payment to buy goods and services to meet your child's individual needs.

What are Direct Payments?

Direct Payments are cash payments made to people who have been assessed and are eligible to receive services for their disabled child from Surrey County Council. The payment replaces some or all of the services that your social worker would otherwise arrange for you.

Surrey County Council does not assess your income to determine the Direct Payment amount and there are no charges for any services provided to meet an assessed need.

Why Direct Payments?

They give you more choice, control and flexibility over the support that your child receives.

What can Direct Payments be used for?

Direct Payments can be used very flexibly to meet your child's assessed needs.

Here are a few examples:

- Employing someone to help you look after your child; this person is often referred to as a personal assistant.
- To enable your child to join in with activities in the community, such as youth clubs, sports clubs or play schemes.
- To purchase disability living equipment as agreed by a Surrey County Council occupational therapist.

If there is a particular service or item that you have in mind, speak to your social worker or family support worker about your ideas.

What can't Direct Payments be used for?

- Healthcare or education costs, rent, mortgage repayments, utility bills
- Residential costs, unless it is for a Short Break
- Services from your local council or any other local authority
- To meet needs that have not been assessed by your local council and are not in your child's agreed care plan.

Who will get the money?

Surrey County Council can make Direct Payments to a parent or adult with parental responsibility for a disabled child or young person who is under 18 years of age, or to a disabled young person themselves if they are 16 or 17 years old.



What will I have to do?

- set up a separate bank account
- sign a Direct Payment Agreement with us
- take responsibility for arranging the support
- manage and account for the Direct Payment; Surrey Independent Living Council (SILC) can provide free and regular advice and administrative support. See contact details below.



I'm interested. What do I do now?

Talk to your social worker or family support worker about Direct Payments. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions leaflet that they will be able to give you, which gives more detail about the benefits and requirements for arranging Direct Payments.

The Department for Education has also produced a helpful parents guide; **Every Child Matters: 'A Parent's Guide to Direct Payments'**. To view or download this document, visit www.education.gov.uk.

You can also get advice and information from SILC:

Surrey Independent Living Council (SILC)

Tel: **01483 458111**

Fax: **01483 459976**

Web: www.surreyilc.org.uk



Direct Payments are always your choice. You are not obliged to accept one.

More information:

The document **Children Schools and Families, Surrey County Council: 'Direct Payments Frequently Asked Questions'**

gives more detail about the benefits and requirements for arranging Direct Payments. Your social worker will be able to provide this.

View or download the document **Department for Education: Every Child Matters: 'A Parent's Guide to Direct Payments'** online at: www.education.gov.uk.



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