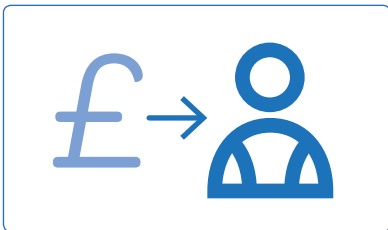


Choosing Your Support... Through Direct Payment

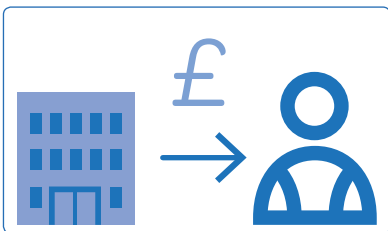
How does it work?



1. You agree your support plan with your social worker.



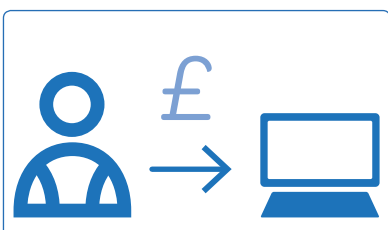
2. You decide you want the money for your support to be paid direct to you.



3. The Council pays you the money for your support.



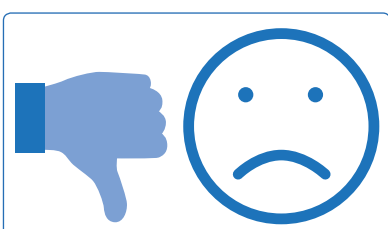
4. You choose your support by picking from an assortment of options.



5. You pay for your support.

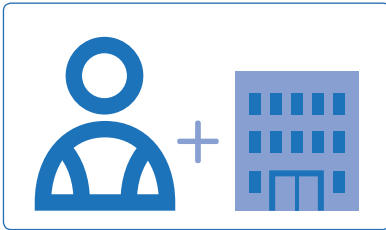


6. You tell the Council what you have spent the money for your support on.

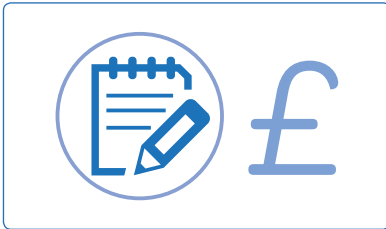


7. If you are not happy with your support, you can change it by agreeing the changes with your social worker.

What does it mean for me?

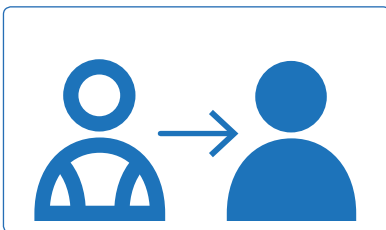


- It's an agreement between you and the council.



- You have to spend the money on what it says in your support plan.

Questions and answers



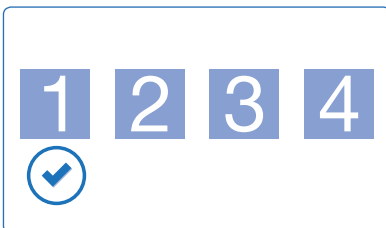
- **Question:** Can I employ someone to support me?
Answer: Yes, you can employ a personal assistant. Your social worker can help you find an organisation to help you be an employer.



- **Question:** Can I buy a piece of equipment?
Answer: Yes, if the equipment will help you to do something in your support plan.



- **Question:** Can I buy my support from an organisation?
Answer: Yes



- **Question:** How is it different to the other options?
Answer: With this option, you direct your support and you have to look after the money.



- **Your question:**

Your social worker's answer: