

## What Support is there?

There is plenty of support to help you and your disabled child or disabled young person to manage direct payments.

Consult Derbyshire County Council's CAYA Direct Payment publications.

- Direct Payment Starter Pack 2010\*
- Direct Payment Handbook 2010\*

Both these publications are full of factual information and advice to get the most out of your direct payments.

Also talk to your social worker or community care worker. They may be able to advise you or direct you to other sources of support.

**Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living (DCIL)** offer a range of support services for Direct Payment recipients. Most of which is free of charge.

- Employment matters, i.e. recruitment, rates of pay, contracts of employment, employer and public liability insurance, etc
- Payroll services including managed bank accounts (small charge)
- Disability and Benefit advice, etc

### DCIL

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**E-mail:** [info@dcil.org.uk](mailto:info@dcil.org.uk)

**Web:** [www.dcil.org.uk](http://www.dcil.org.uk)

**There is a dedicated Direct Payment Team based at Derbyshire County Council's headquarters who will also provide support.**

### Direct Payment Finance Team

Staff will provide support and advice on what financial documents you need to send them every 4 weeks.

Telephone: 01629 532119

### Direct Payment Care Managers

They provide advice and support on how to manage your direct payments.

Telephone: 01629 532023

### Address:

Adult Social Services and  
Children and Younger Adults Department  
County Hall  
Matlock  
Derbyshire  
DE4 3AG

### Derbyshire Call Centre:

**08456 058 058**

### E-mail:

**[directpayments@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:directpayments@derbyshire.gov.uk)**

### Web: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

\*Copies of these publications can be found on [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/directpayments](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/directpayments).

Contact the Direct Payment Care Manager Team if you would like a free handbook.

This information is available in other formats please contact the Direct Payment Care Manager Team on 01629 532023.

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# Direct Payments for Disabled Children and Young People and their families

Do you want more

**CHOICE?**

**FLEXIBILITY?**

**CONTROL?**

**in the care you and your disabled child receive from Derbyshire County Council?**



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## What is a Direct Payment?

A direct payment is money Derbyshire County Council give to you to enable you to arrange care and support for your disabled child or young person instead of us providing the service for your disabled child or the young person. The money is paid at a set hourly rate\* or per session if your disabled child attends a group activity.

\* there may be an enhanced hourly rate for disabled children with complex needs.



## Who can have a Direct Payment?

A direct payment is money given to a disabled young person 16 to 17 years old or to a person with parental responsibility for a disabled child under 18 years instead of services provided through Derbyshire County Council.

To be eligible the following criteria need to be met:

- You and your disabled child or disabled young person live in Derbyshire
- Your disabled child or you have been assessed as needing services provided by or paid for by Derbyshire County Council.
- You are a parent of a disabled child
- You are a disabled young person aged 16 or 17 years
- You are a young carer aged 16 or 17 years
- You have been assessed as willing and able to manage a direct payment with or without support.

## How can Direct Payments be used?

- To employing a personal assistant
- To purchase specialist items of equipment not provided by Social Care or Health
- Personal care
- Social activities
- Short breaks
- Specific transport costs instead of transport arranged by Derbyshire County Council (not transport to and from school)



## You cannot have Direct Payments

- To pay for services from Derbyshire County Council
- To employ someone living in the same household as the disabled child\*.
- To pay for Health Care Services
- To pay for long term residential care
- To pay for residential education
- For non assessed services
- For Housing
- If your child is subject to safeguarding procedures\*
- To pay for Child-care

\* Unless exceptional circumstances apply.

## How do I get a Direct Payment?

If you are already receiving services from Derbyshire County Council contact your social worker or community care worker to discuss having a direct payment instead.

If you are not receiving a service from Derbyshire County Council and you believe your disabled child or you may be eligible for support contact Derbyshire Call Centre on 08456 058 058 and ask for an assessment of need.

## I have a Direct Payment, what now?

- If you are employing a personal assistant they need a CRB (enhanced) check carried out. This is done through your social worker.
- If employing a carer from an Agency check the agency is CQC\* registered and the carers have a current satisfactory CRB enhanced check. Clarify the Agency's hourly rate, etc
- Open a bank account solely for direct payments.
- The money is paid into the direct payment bank account every 4 weeks in advance.
- Seek advice on becoming an employer, i.e. recruitment, how much to pay your personal assistant, contracts of employment, payroll costs, Employer and Public Liability Insurance, etc  
(see over for details of support available)

\* Care Quality Commission (CQC)