

Our policy on independence and choice



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“Choice, Empowerment and Risk: A policy to promote
independence and choice in Social Care -
Executive Summary”



Who we are

We are the Adult Services
Department of Hampshire County
Council.



What this paper is about

This paper is about our independence
and choice policy.



What our policy is for

We want to help people to be independent. We want people to be in control and able to make choices about how they get social care.



We also want to make sure people are safe.



What our policy is

Our policy is about making sure people are in control of their support and their own lives.

We will use this policy whenever people are making choices about their support.



Our policy is based on advice from the Department of Health.



Our policy talks about the ways we can help by supporting people and their carers to making choices.



It shows people who work for us how to make sure they can help people who use our services.



Who will use our policy?

Everyone who works for us giving support and care to people.



Our policy

We want to make sure people who use our services and their carers are at the centre of everything we do.



By using Self Directed Support we will make sure people are in control of their support and their own lives.



Our policy talks about how we will support people to make choices as well as keeping safe.



How we will do it

We will help our staff to understand risk and making choices.



We will give help to bosses so they can help people to make sure good choices are made.



We will use our other policies to make sure that choices work for service users and carers.



We will write down how things are going so we can learn from it.



We will have regular meetings to make sure that we are doing well.



We will help people to help service users make choices.



We will make sure that the right choices are made for people who cannot make their own choices.

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