

Direct Payments

What you need to know – easy read version

This information is about Direct Payments and how to find out more about Direct Payments.

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What are Direct Payments?

Direct Payments are money that Hampshire County Council pays you for your child. You need to use the money to meet your child's social care needs.

Who can have Direct Payments?

You should be able to have Direct Payments if you are:

- a family with a disabled child or young person;
- disabled parents;
- disabled and aged 16 and over (contact Adult Services);
- carers (contact Adult Services);
- an older person and you need community care services (contact Adult Services).

To get Direct Payments your child must be eligible for social care services from the council. You need to be able to manage the money. You can have support to do this if you need it.

What does eligible mean?

We assess your child to find out what type of help they need. We will tell you who can provide the help. It may be us. If it is us this means that your child is eligible. A care manager can tell you more.

Why should I use Direct Payments?

Direct Payments mean you can choose what you want to do for your child. Here are some ways you could use Direct Payments:

- arrange for an agency to give your child care;
- pay a personal assistant to give your child personal care and support;
- pay for equipment that will help your child to do the things they want to do;
- arrange a short break for your child.

How can I get Direct Payments?

Telephone: 0845 603 5620 to contact your local Children's Services Office.

Direct Payments

You can have Direct Payments and be in charge of all of your child's own services.

Mix of Direct Payments and a Provided Service

You can choose to be in charge of some of your child's services and have some managed by a care manager.

Provided Service

You can have all of your child's services managed by a care manager.

Direct Payments Support

We work with Southampton Centre for Independent Living and Enham who have Support Workers. They will help you with Direct Payments. They have people there who use Direct Payments. Direct Payments Support Workers can:

- help you decide if you would like Direct Payments
- help you be in charge of your Direct Payments.

Where can I find out more about Direct Payments?

Hampshire County Council work with SCIL and Enham who give advice and support about Direct Payments.

Please contact them to discuss your individual situation, they are waiting to help you.

- **Southampton Centre for Independent Living Ltd (SCIL)**
Unit 12, 9-19 Rose Road, Southampton SO14 6TE
Website: www.southamptoncil.co.uk
Telephone: 023 8033 0982
Text phone: 023 8020 2649
Fax: 023 8020 2648
Email: directpayments@southamptoncil.co.uk
Areas covered: Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Petersfield, Romsey.
- **Enham**
Enham Place, Enham Alamein, Andover SP11 6JS
Website: www.enham.org.uk
Telephone: 01264 345862
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Email: direct-payments@enham.org.uk
Areas covered: Aldershot, Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Winchester.