

Direct Payments

Who can get Direct Payments?

There are two groups of carers who could apply for Direct Payments:

Parents who have a disabled child and who need support from Social Services for their child, themselves or both

and

Carers who provide a significant amount of care to another adult and who require support to meet their own needs as carers.

An assessment is carried out by Social Services and this should take into account both the needs of the person being cared for and the needs of the carer.

It can be a 'joint assessment' of their needs or the carer can request a separate "Carers Assessment" of his/her own needs

For Carers

What are Direct Payments for Carers?

It is now possible to receive cash payments (known as Direct Payments) instead of receiving social care services provided directly by Social Services.

This means that you can arrange for yourself the support you need for you and/or the person you care for

How do Direct Payments for Carers work?

Direct Payments are made straight into a separate bank account, and you can use the money to buy in care from an agency or employ your own carers.

This means more independence choice and control over the services that help to meet your needs and the needs of the person you care for.

Direct Payments must be spent on social care services. They are not extra income for you to spend as you wish.

Carers Together

A consortium of Carers in Hampshire

DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR CARERS

Do you and your family need social care services?

Would you like to take more control in arranging these services?



If your reply to these questions is yes, then direct payments could be the answer for you.

Direct Payments

What help is available to set up a Direct Payment?

Carers Together employs Direct Payments Support Workers who are independent of Social Services.

They provide free advice and support to enable you to set up and manage the Direct Payments.



Contact the

Direct Payments Support Worker

Carers Together
Unit D6
The Premier Centre
Premier Way
Romsey
Hampshire SO51 9DG

Telephone: 01794 519495

Fax: 01794 519895

Email:

admin@carerstogether.org.uk



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How to find out more?

Call **Carers Together** and ask to speak to the Direct Payments Support Worker for your area

Write, fax or email to
Carers Together

Visit: Carers Together website
www.carerstogether.org.uk

Visit Government Direct Payments Website
www.doh.gov.uk/directpayments/index.htm

Visit: Hampshire Direct Payments website
www.hants.gov.uk/socservs/directpayments

Call your local Social Services office:

Aldershot Area Office
Old Town Hall Grosvenor Road
Aldershot GU11 3DP
01252 314221 Text: 01252 313369

Alton Area Office
Park House High Street Alton GU34 1EN
01420 544255 Text: 01420 549635

Andover Area Office
Chantry House Chantry Way
Andover SP10 1LT
01264 387400 Text: 01264 335708

Basingstoke Area Office
Sun Alliance House 37/41 Wote Street
Basingstoke RG21 7LU
01256 362000 Text: 01256 814276

Social Services Area Offices

Eastleigh Area Office
Russell House 26/28 Romsey Road
Eastleigh SO50 4AN
02380 618722 Text: 02380 652 998

Fareham Area Office
The Health Centre Civic Way
Osborn Road Fareham PO16 7EP
02380 432000 Text: 01329 827838

Gosport Area Office
133 Stoke Road
Gosport PO12 1SD
02392 432000 Text: 023 9258 1096

Havant Area Office
Town End House PO Box 61
East Street Havant PO9 1UB
02392 471644 Text: 023 9244 1201

Hythe Area Office
West Shore House West Street
Hythe Southampton SO45 6AA
02380 846953 - Text: 023 8084 8990

Lymington Area Office
Avenue Road
Lymington SO41 9YB
01590 625000 - Text: 01590 625129

Petersfield Area Office
Tilbrook House 2/4 Grenehurst Way
Petersfield GU31 4AZ
01730 265462 - Text: 01730 265462

Romsey Area Office
Former Magistrates Court
Church Street Romsey SO51 8AQ
01794 526000 - Text: 01794 511585

Winchester Area Office
Corinium House 10/14 Andover Road
Winchester SO23 7BX
01962 869313 - Text: 01962 878209

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