



Lambeth

An Easy Guide to

Direct Payments



Choice, Control & Independence
In social care

What are Direct Payments?

If you need or already have services like:

Help in your home



Day Services



Respite



Equipment

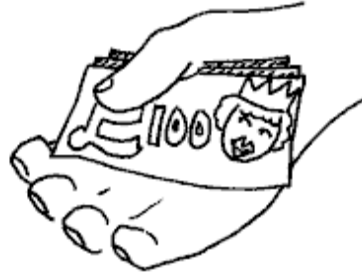


Transport



You can now have money to arrange your services.
This is called Direct Payments.

What you **CAN** do with the money



You can use the money to arrange:

Help in the home



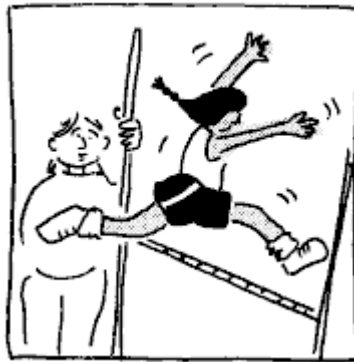
Support to go to college



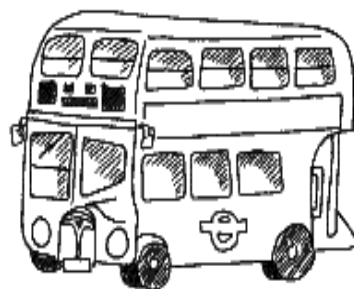
Support on short breaks



Support with Sport and Leisure activities



Transport

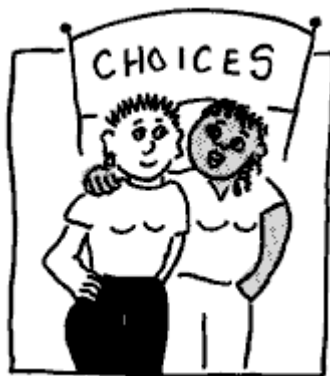


Do different things



Be in control of your life

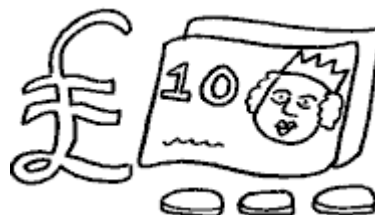
You are the boss!



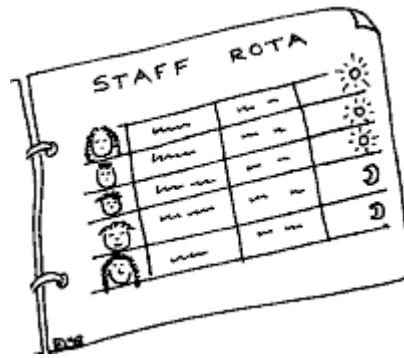
What you must do

To receive Direct Payments you must:

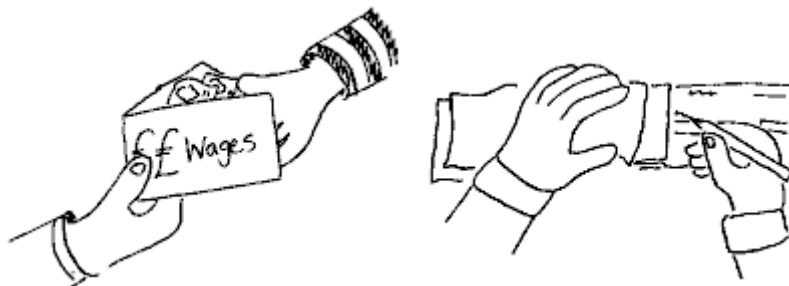
Ask people to help you manage the money



Ask people to help you manage your care



Ask people to help you pay your staff and keep records for you



What you can NOT do with the money



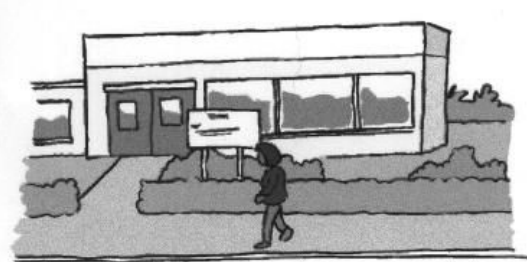
Buy food or clothes



Pay your family to care for you



Buy services from the council



What difference can Direct Payments make?

With Direct Payments you can:

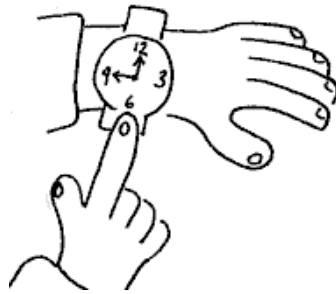
Choose your own Personal Assistant



Tell your Personal Assistant what YOU want them to do



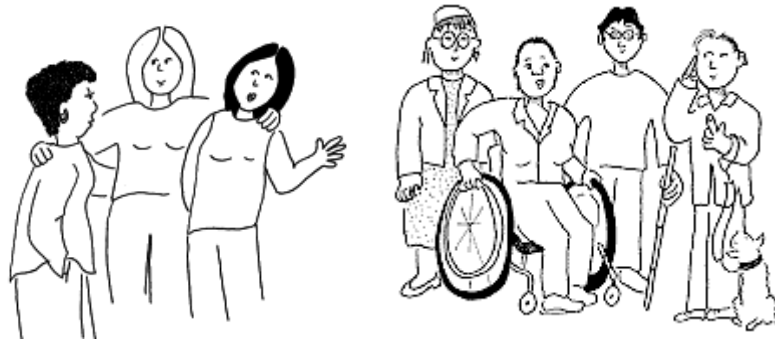
Do things when YOU want to



Who can help?

You can ask:

Your friends and family



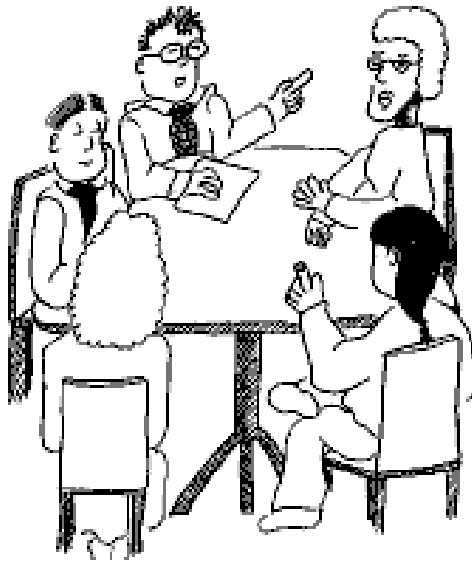
Direct Payments User Group



Support Service



Support from other people who use Direct Payments



People at the Disability Advise Service Lambeth



Disability Advise Service Lambeth (DASL)

What do we do?

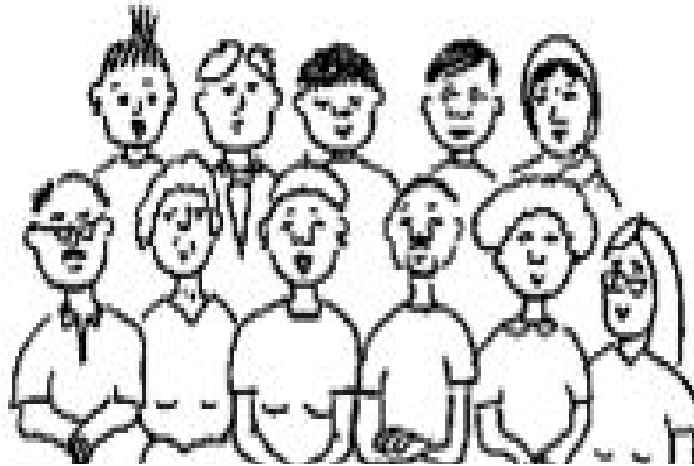
We give:

Advice about money and managing staff.

Help with arranging your support

Support with finding a worker or choosing an Agency

Information about who should do what and who can help



Advice and information

The Direct Advice Services Lambeth (DASL) is managed by Disability Lambeth.

Contact a Direct Payments Advisor on:



Tel: 020 77385656

Fax: 020 79249621

Email: direct.payments@disabilitylambeth.org.uk

Web: www.disabilitylambeth.org.uk

You can also contact your Care Manager on:

Tel: 020 7926 5555 adults

020 7926 6907 children

& young people

Web: www.lambeth.gov.uk

Minicom: 020 79266605

This leaflet and other information about Direct Payments is available in large print, Braille, audiotape and translations can be made available.

