



Social Care Future On-Line Festival

The Future of Direct Payments

Agenda for this session



Your facilitators at this session are :

Julie, Martin, Pat, Isaac and Sally

We are also joined by

Some guest speakers to be interviewed on their approach to Direct Payments

Agenda for session

- Martin shares what we have been doing at the re imagining self directed support group
- Pat interviews some councils who are doing it right
- Q&A's
- Isaac and Sally will facilitate any thoughts, comments on next steps what can we do to move us all in the right direction?

Co-production with Government during COVID-19

Hearing the voice of direct
payment recipients

Direct Payment Guidance

- Guidance written by Chief Social Worker
- Questions and Answers (now 'full guidance' written by personalised care policy lead at DHSC)
- Initial TLAP contribution to DHSC guidance in a 'round robin' email approach, limited input from people with lived experience and other organisations with DPSS experience

Direct Payment Guidance

- Publication was welcome but late
- Key messages have emerged but weren't clearly stated
 - Need for communication and assurance from Councils
 - Personal Assistants are keyworkers and as such should get the PPE they need from Councils and access to testing
 - Direct Payment recipients need to use budgets flexibly to stay safe and can be trusted to do so
 - No increased bureaucracy or monitoring necessary
 - Circumstances for furloughing Personal Assistants using case studies

Direct Payments

- All guidance now revised
- More useful guidance for different audiences
- Key messages reinforced in a short document
- Winter plan published – group influenced changes re: direct payments
- ‘Full guidance’ for direct payment recipients revised – waiting for publication
- Connecting across government – free flu vaccinations for personal assistants

Reimagining self-directed support starting with direct payments

Continuing conversation

- Review and update guidance
- Influence policy makers as they think about reform post COVID-19
- Four big questions
 - Whose money is it?
 - Who is accountable?
 - Can we make things more straightforward?
 - Do practitioners believe in self-directed support?

Where next?

- Resetting 'the deal'
- Describing what good and not good look like
- Busting bureaucracy with a focus on finance monitoring and audit

Pat interviews good practice



What stops this happening?



Next Steps



Sally and Isaac



**What
Next**



DIRECT PAYMENT
EMPLOYER CIC
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What is Direct Payment Employers CIC

- ▶ Direct Payment Employers is a community interest company run by Direct Payment Employers for Direct Payment Employers
- ▶ With the aim of developing a partnership of Direct Payment Employers often referred to as individual employers
- ▶ The purpose of the partnership is to be the collective voice of individual employers at a national level to influence policy and practice around health and social care
- ▶ Direct Payment Employers Cic already has a Facebook group which it is very keen to grow and develop, there is also a plan to develop a website in the new year .

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