

# What can I use my Direct Payment for?

You can use your Direct Payment flexibly to arrange support to live in your own home and meet individual needs specified in your support plan, examples are:-



Purchase care and support from a care agency



Pay to employ a Personal Assistant



Pay for transport cost



Pay for equipment



Use it for support in college or in a job.



use it towards leisure or social activities

# Direct Payments

Control, independence and flexibility

## What is a Direct Payment (DP)?

A Direct Payment allows adults to receive funding directly from the council, so they can choose how and when they receive their support to meet eligible care and support needs. By making their own arrangements, people have more choice and flexibility in the management of how they receive the support that best suits them.



## Why choose Direct Payments?

It's a flexible and creative way to control how your support needs are met.

## How do I receive a Direct Payment?

Call the First Point of Contact at **03456789044** to discuss the steps involved.

You can also visit our website at

[shropshire.gov.uk/direct-payments-in-adult-social-care/](http://shropshire.gov.uk/direct-payments-in-adult-social-care/)

## Who can get a Direct Payment?

Direct Payments are available to anyone who has been assessed as having relevant eligible needs. This includes adults aged 18 or over: with a disability; with caring responsibilities; with other support needs including mental health.

## Direct Payments users' testimonials

I receive direct payments as I need a lot of care. My life is no different to a non-disabled person, but my PAs enable me to do everything I can't do myself. **So I can live a life full of surprises and adventure.**

**Direct payments gives me freedom,** I choose what I do, when and where I go.

I have used DP for many years. My PA has become a close friend. It was easy to arrange, and help is there if ever you need it. **I love having my own choice of carer.**

