

## Direct Payments

### Factsheet – Equipment

#### Ownership and responsibilities

Equipment purchased by a direct payment will belong to you and therefore you will be responsible for its care and maintenance. If the item needs regular servicing or insurance we will usually give you additional money as required (e.g. once a year) to pay for this. When the equipment is no longer useful to you, it is yours to dispose of. We will not buy the equipment from you.

#### What do I do if I decide I would like a direct payment for equipment?

- Talk in more detail to your assessor about how a direct payment for equipment might meet your needs.
- You will need to sign an agreement form – this gives the details about the type of equipment required to meet your assessed needs, how much money you will receive, and your responsibilities.
- Once all the paperwork has been completed and authorised, the **council's** Direct Payment Support Team will arrange the direct payment amount to be paid in your prepaid card account.
- We strongly advise that you do not purchase the equipment until after the direct payment is available in your prepaid card account.
- You will need to buy the appropriate equipment for your needs.
- You will need to provide details of any insurance policy or warranty.
- You will need to provide a copy of the invoice/receipt to the Direct Payments Support Team.



## Where can I get more information?

If you would like help with assessing your social care needs, please contact the councils First Response Team.

**First response team: 020 8489 1400**  
firstresponseteam@haringey.gov.uk

If you would like more information on direct payments or would like support with your direct payment, please contact the Direct Payments Support Team.

Direct Payments Support Team:  
**Phone: 020 8489 8456**  
Email: [PersonalBudgetSupport@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:PersonalBudgetSupport@haringey.gov.uk)

If you have a mental health problem:

If you need help in a crisis you can now self-refer to the Crisis Resolution Home Treatment service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, **Lea Unit, St. Ann's Hospital - Haringey 020 8702 6700.**

If you are a carer and would like more information on receiving support, please contact Haringey Carers First.

Haringey Carers First.  
<https://www.carersfirst.org.uk/haringey>  
**Phone: 0300 303 1555**  
Email: [hello@carersfirst.org.uk](mailto:hello@carersfirst.org.uk)  
Address: Resource Hub, 1 Russell Road, Leyton, E10 7ES

Department of Health:  
Website: [www.dh.gov.uk/policyandguidance](http://www.dh.gov.uk/policyandguidance)

Then search on direct payments for detailed information. This gives information on policies and guidance relating to direct payments. Also available to order - **'An easy guide to direct payments, for those with a learning Disability.**

Skills for Care:

The Skills for Care website provides more information on what is a Personal Assistant (PA) and what is involved if you want to use your direct payment to employ a PA:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/individualemployers>

This information is presented in a range of toolkits. If you are unable to access the Skills for Care website, you can call **0113 245 1716.**