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**Sharon Magee** Senior Care Officer **Tower House Day Centre** 

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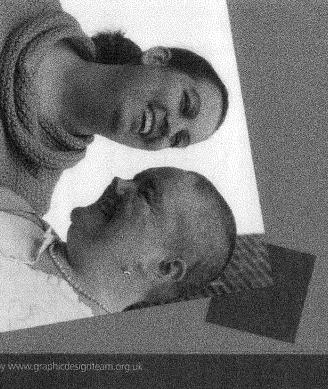
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How to find out more

For further information:

phone our Access Point on 01273 295555 email accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk

visit our web pages at: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/social-care

www.mylifebh.org.uk

You will also find helpful information regarding:

Are you entitled to help from Adult

Charges for services Social Care Services?

Self Directed Support

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Putting **You** in control

Direct **Fayments** 

### What are Direct Payments?

Direct Payments is one of the ways Adult Social Care provides support to people who are eligible for services. This method brings you, or the person you care for, greater independence, choice and control. By providing money instead of directly provided services the council is giving you the flexibility to fund the care services you want, be it for direct employment or purchased through a care agency.

If you are unable to manage Direct
Payments yourself we can provide
indirect payments where someone you
trust becomes responsible for managing
the money on your behalf.

### How do I get Direct Payments?

If you are already a service user wishing to transfer to Direct Páyments, or if you are new to Adult Social Care, you will need to contact the Access Point to discuss your individual circumstances and care needs. If you meet the council's eligibility criteria you will then be considered for direct payments.

## What can I spend my Direct Payments on?

- employing a personal assistant
- employing a care worker from an
  - agency a live-in carer
- short stays in care homes (no more than four weeks)
- daytime activities
- equipment

Direct Payments can cover all or part of your support needs. They can be used for ongoing support or as a single one-off payment.

## What do I have to do?

Once you have had a needs assessment and a personal budget has been agreed, the council will give you a pre-paid payment Card Account.

Your personal budget will be available to spend on your eligible care needs with the money held on this card account.

You can use the internet or the telephone to make payments from the card and you can set up standing orders to pay carers and care agencies.

When you take up direct payments you may have someone in mind that you want to support you, in which case you will need to have employers' liability insurance for them as well as national insurance and tax. The cost of these will be included in your direct payments and we can make sure everything is in place

# Do I have to pay anything towards this?

As with traditional care services you will need to have a financial assessment to see if you will be expected to make a contribution towards your care.
We have produced an information leaflet entitled 'Charges for non-residential services', which will explain the charges in more detail.

## Do I get help to manage my direct payments?

Yes, The FED Centre for Independent Living provides a direct payment support service which Includes:

Information and advice on being an employer Support to recruit, interview and vet carers A payroll service Technical information on pensions, taxation etc.

Contact:
The FED Centre For Independent Living
Address: Montague House, Somerset St,

Brighton BN2 1JE Phone:01273 894040 www.thefedonline.org.uk