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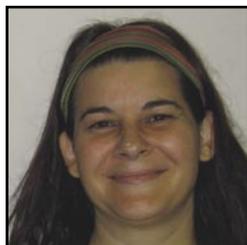


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**Rights, Voices and Choices**



**Enabling disabled people and their carers to have better information about, and support to take up, Direct Payments and Personal Budgets**

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## Advocacy Partners

promotes the Rights, Voices and Choices of people with learning disabilities, older people, people with mental health needs or physical disabilities and deaf people. We provide independent advocacy to enable people facing the greatest disadvantage and discrimination to have control over their lives, make decisions, be treated fairly and participate fully in community life.



## What we can offer

**London Advocacy for Independence** supports disabled people and their carers to have increased choice and control and benefit from the changes and developments that are happening.

## Self-Directed Support (SDS)

SDS is a new model of social care provision. It is based on the view that all of us, whatever our age, disability or illness, have a right to exercise control over our lives.

Under SDS everybody who qualifies for support from Social Services will know how much their support costs; a Personal Budget. It is intended that Personal Budgets put the person in control of how their money gets spent. Everyone should get the support they need to do this.

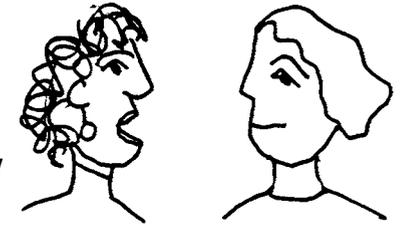
The Personal Budget can be taken or used in a variety of ways. A Direct Payment is one of these ways and is the name given to the way the money is paid directly to someone. Alternatives include other people taking care of the money.

- Every council must offer Direct Payments
- Each council is working on SDS and taking this forward
- Different councils are at different stages

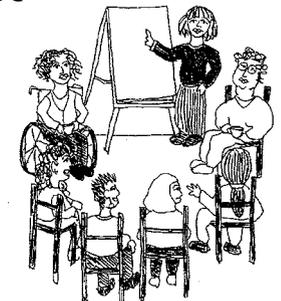
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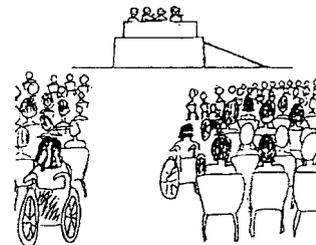
**provide intensive one to one advocacy**



**support people to consider the option of a Direct Payment or Personal Budget**



**visit user led, carers' or self advocacy groups**



**organise or take part in events in your area alongside disabled people and deaf people**