



The Four Options for Self-Directed Support

Option 1 - Direct Payment

- Maximum Control

- You receive the money from the local council directly.
- You arrange everything yourself, like hiring care staff or choosing a service.
- Most control and flexibility.
- Most responsibility - you manage the money and organise support.
- You become the employer, with all the responsibilities.

Option 2 - Individual Service Fund (ISF)

- You Choose, the Council Arranges

- Council gives a budget but keeps the money.
- You choose the care service you want.
- Council arranges the service for you, and pays for it.
- Good balance of choice and ease.
- You don't handle the payments, but still have input and choice.


Option 3 - Service Arrangement by the Local Authority

- Least Control

- Council decides everything after talking with you.
- They choose and manage all of your support.
- Very low responsibility - no need to arrange or manage anything.
- Less say in what support you receive, and who from.

Option 4 - Combination

- Mix & Match

- You choose which parts of your support you want to control.
- The council handles the rest.
- Flexible - tailored to what you're comfortable managing.
-  Varies - depends on how much involvement you want.

Need to Change?

You can review and switch your option any time your needs or situation change. For further information and advocacy in deciding your future contact us today.



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