



DIRECT PAYMENTS

Fife Council offers Direct Payments to those who are eligible.

Anyone who is assessed as needing community care services (which include housing support services) or children's services is eligible for Direct Payments.

You must be a disabled person aged 16 or over, a parent of a disabled child, a person over 65 or an attorney or guardian

You have to be assessed as being willing and able to manage a Direct Payment with as much support as needed

Direct payments can be used to:

- Employ Personal Assistant(s)
- Buy agency services
- Buy Local Authority services
- Purchase equipment
- Purchase activities or services e.g. a gym membership or college costs
- Respite or short breaks

Direct payments allows individual to control their own support

The Direct Payment is paid directly to the recipient or a nominated person and should only be used for the purpose of the individual's care and support.

Direct Payment recipients should not be at an advantage, or a disadvantage to those in receipt of local authority services.

The recipient or nominated person must set up a separate bank account for the direct payment to be paid into and keep records of how the money is spent which Fife Council will regularly check. Alternatively an accountant can be asked to manage the budget.