

FACTSHEET 7 – INDEPENDENT RESOURCES FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS

If you or someone you know has access to the internet, there is a range of useful independent organisations who provide information and guidance about Direct Payments.

This factsheet provides details of some of these

organisations and links to their websites and their contact details.

Some of these organisations will provide a hard copy of their publication free of charge.

Organisation	Telephone Enquiries	Publication Title (Click on Link)
Age UK	0800 169 6565	Factsheet 24 - Personal budgets and direct payments in social care
Carers UK	020 7378 4999	Direct Payments - What are Direct Payments
Disability Rights UK	0330 995 0400	Factsheet 6 - Managing a Direct Payment
Independent Living	020 8133 0628	Direct Payments - What are Direct Payments
Mencap	0808 808 1111	Direct Payments - What are Direct Payments
Mind	0300 123 3393	Direct Payments - What are Direct Payments
The Disability Resource Centre	01582 470900	Direct Payments – Direct Payments Support

Skills for Care

Skills for Care, an independent charity with considerable experience in workforce development, has an [Information Hub](#) for people using a Direct Payment and employ Personal Assistants.

Their information hub contains a wealth of information, toolkits and advice for people

who employ Personal Assistants. There is a section for Personal Assistants too.

You can also apply for funding from Skills for Care for training your Personal Assistants to help develop them and their career in care.

You can register to receive their latest information. Click [here](#) to register.

If you require any advice or support, please contact our Direct Payments team.

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