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# Personal budgets and direct payments

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## **Personal Budgets**

Following your assessment we will determine your eligible needs, Blackpool Council must provide you with a Personal Budget.

The Personal Budget will set out the cost to the local authority for the care they have arranged.

Once you have been given a Personal Budget amount you may choose to arrange your own care and support and we can provide you with a Direct Payment to do this.

### **Direct payments**

If you choose direct payments your personal budget will be paid directly in to your own bank account.

You can only spend the money on services that meet your assessed needs and you can choose what best suit you and your lifestyle.

You will be supported to arrange your own care whether this is to employ a personal assistant or an agency you choose.

This may sound complicated but in practice it's not. The direct payments team are on hand to help and have supported many people to manage their own care.

There are over 350 people in Blackpool using direct payments.

There is a charge for most care services provided by the council. We will assess whether <u>you will need to make a contribution</u> towards your care and support.

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