

# DIRECT PAYMENTS

## ...understanding Personal Budgets



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If a carer, or the person they care for, is assessed by Social Services as needing support, they have a right to ask for financial payments, instead of having support arranged by Social Services. This financial support is known as Direct Payments.

This half day workshop explores the current context of Direct Payments in relation to the SSWB (Wales) Act and the opportunities for empowerment, creative thinking and innovation. It is an opportunity to focus on what matters to people, how they can be supported to achieve bespoke outcomes, and get answers to questions you may have been asked but struggle to answer.

Learning goals:

- Understand the principles underpinning direct payments including empowerment, choice & control
- Explore how direct payments can be used to achieve bespoke well-being outcomes
- Understanding key legislation
- Explore creative & innovative use of direct payments
- Explore how direct payments can inform your professional practice

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