

What can Direct Payments be used for?

Direct Payments can be used to buy any service that is legal and meets your assessed need. The following is not an exhaustive list – but should give you an idea as to the way people in the UK are currently using their Direct Payments.

- Employing Staff – Personal Assistants

Support from your Personal Assistant can cover, for example,

- housework
- personal care
- support with paper work
- social activities, leisure and sport
- support with independent living skills
- support with employment
- support with childcare

- Paying for a one off activity

For example,

- paying for a course or for classes
- gym membership
- a holiday
- essential equipment
- driving lessons

- Organising respite provision

If you are in doubt about what you can use your Direct Payment for then please contact the Direct Payments Team at DASL who will be happy to advise you.

