

WHAT ARE DIRECT PAYMENTS?

There are two ways that you can receive community care services from Lambeth Social Services.

- Directly provided services organised by your social worker/care co-ordinator, for example arranging an agency to provide staff to support you, purchasing equipment on your behalf, paying for services, i.e. to attend a club or day centre.
- **Direct Payments** - where you are given the finances to organise or buy your own services/equipment that you have been assessed as needing.

In Lambeth, Disability Advice Service Lambeth (DASL) Direct Payments Team are here to support you set-up and manage your Direct Payments.

You can have all your care via Direct Payments, or a combination of directly provided services and Direct Payments. For example, attend a day centre arranged by your social worker/care co-ordinator and employ your own Personal Assistant to support you at home.

The following sections go through the Direct Payments process and covers all the main areas that you need to think about and know when deciding if Direct Payments are the right option for you.