

Do you have any other comments?

Question 7: What else do you think?

Is there anything else you want to tell us about the rules for direct payments? Is anything missing? Does anything need to be changed?

The double work that's entailed in accounts monitoring is time consuming and frustrating especially for 24-7 carers to submit figures that are already on bank and other statements that are submitted. It should only be necessary to enter personal payments along with the official statements. I feel we are doing the monitoring job as well. It really is too much pressure.

Thank you.

Please send your views and answers by 10 July 2013 to:

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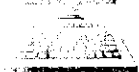
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The local council does not have to give someone a direct payment if the person needs support with:

- Staying in a care home or nursing home for more than 4 weeks.

Question 5: What do you think?

Tell us what you think about not giving direct payments to people who need to stay in a care home or nursing home.

here again circumstances will vary but possibly when it becomes clearer they will need long term or permanent care home or nursing home care then checks could be made to see if they have assets to help with payment, of course other aid could be available in certain circumstances

Part 4: Sometimes people cannot get a direct payment

Rule 11: Some people are not allowed to get a direct payment

This includes:

- People who get treatment and testing for drugs as part of the law
- People who have left prison and who need to agree to treatment for a mental health problem or to stop taking drugs or alcohol
- A person who has been found guilty of a crime and who needs to get treatment as part of a Community Order.

It also includes someone whose direct payment has stopped because the local council does not think the person has used the money properly.

Question 3: What do you think?

Tell us what you think about not giving direct payments to people who need care and treatment as part of an order by the courts.

This seems reasonable as long as local Council have the correct personell who can make these decisions (which is not always the case)

Part 3: Support from someone in the family

This Part is about the support that a person can get and when they can employ a family member. It applies to disabled people, or any child or adult who uses a direct payment for their care and support.

Rule 8: Part 3 is not about direct payments for adult carers or young carers.

Rule 9: When a family member can give support

There are extra rules if a direct payment is used to get support from a family member.

A family member can only provide support if:

- The person and the family member agree that the family member should give the support
- The family member is able to provide support that will meet the person's needs



Have your say

What do you think of this Guidance?

The guidance is useful and would be helpful in applying for self directed support. Social work would do what's necessary to get you S.D.S and a planned program but the follow up is doubtful as in this area and other social workers are thin on the ~~ground~~ ground.

Was it clear and easy to understand?

Yes in main ways but you don't see much involvement from local councils and as I said before the area the size of Caithness only have two field officers = one a part-time retired officer and one trainee part-time officer. The plan is good the follow up is in doubt.

Was it useful?

Yes in terms what's supposed to happen.

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