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How personal budgets are working at present?



Clear central government agenda

- **Putting People First (December 2007) set out a “shared vision and commitment to the transformation of Adult Social Care”.**
- **“People who use social care services and their families will increasingly shape and commission their own services”**
- **“The state and statutory agencies will have a different not lesser role – more active and enabling, less controlling”.**

- **Transforming Social Care (January 2008) provided further details on the significant resources being made available to councils to transform social care.**
- **The delivery of personal budgets is to be an essential part of the overall agenda.**
- **This is not new first introduced in 1998 under the Independent Living Fund**
- **Community Care, Services for Carer's and Children's Services (Direct Payments) regulations 2003**



Our Vision

“To shift from a service based approach in the kinds of support people use now towards support that is personalised and community based, so that by 2011 everybody will be given the opportunity to meet their needs in a way that is personalised and effective for them.”

(LBTH, TT PID – 2008)



The Budget and our spend

**Total Personal Care Budget =
£14,618,000**

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Traditional Direct Payments £556,000

People with Disabilities £3,057,882

Older People £2,630,724

Total = £6,244,606 (42%)

The ways to control a Cash Personal Budget...

- Cash budget controlled by an individual
- Taking the money as a direct payment
- Using an independent living trust
- Using a broker
- Using a care manager





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Mrs Jackson

Following a stroke, Mrs Jackson found that direct payments helped her to take control of her care.

"When I had a stroke four years ago I was provided with home care from Tower Hamlets Social Care services to help me. For two years care workers were sent to help with washing, dressing, cleaning and shopping. I didn't have a regular care worker, I had many different ones; this meant explaining over and over again the tasks that I needed doing



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At a review I was told about direct payments. **"I was amazed that you could become an employer and choose your own care worker"**.

I have been receiving direct payments from the council for two years now, and have been delighted with the service. I found a care worker to employ by chance after befriending her sister in a supermarket. I was dreading who I would have next, so I feel really lucky to have found her.