### DIRECT PAYMENTS from Bromley Council



## FACT SHEET

# Direct payments for carers





www.bromley.gov.uk/directpayments

#### How can I get support as a carer?

If you regularly provide support to an adult the Council may be able to offer you support to continue your caring role. The Council may also be able to offer advice and support to look after your health and wellbeing and to help you have a life of your own alongside your caring responsibilities. You can request a Carers Assessment by contacting the Adult Early Intervention Team, the contact details are at the end of this fact sheet.

#### Can I have a direct payment as a carer?

If you have had a Carers Assessment and are eligible for support then the identified outcomes will be written in a support plan. You will be financially assessed to determine if you are eligible for support funded by the Council and if so, whether you will need to pay a contribution to this. If you are eligible for Council funded support then you can have a direct payment so that you can arrange support that will meet the outcomes identified in your support plan.

#### Is there anything I need to know?

If you are going to receive a Direct Payment you will need to sign a **Direct Payment Agreement**, that can be found on the Council website. The direct payment must be used to meet the needs identified in the Carers Assessment and support plan. It is worth noting that a direct payment cannot be used to pay yourself as a carer for the care that you provide.

#### Who to contact?

To request more information or a Carers Assessment please contact:

#### Adult Early Intervention Service

Telephone: 020 8461 7777 Email: adult.early.intervention@bromley.gov.uk

#### Other downloads

You can download the supporting leaflets referenced in this leaflet from **www.bromley.gov.uk/directpayments** 

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