



## Option 3 – Local Authority arranged support



### What is Local Authority arranged support?

Local Authority Arranged Support is when the Council purchases support or services from providers that have contracts with the council. You instruct your practitioner to commission and purchase your social care support on your behalf.

During the assessment and planning process you and your practitioner will have identified your outcomes and support needs and how they can be met. Having discussed the four options available through SDS, you may have reached the decision that Option 3 (Local Authority Arranged Support) suits you best. Your practitioner will discuss the available resources with you to ensure that the right services and support are found to meet your identified outcomes and support needs. They will arrange all services and payments on your behalf.

In cases where the supported person does not have capacity and cannot, or chooses not to, make the decision about who will provide their care and support, Option 3 is the practitioner's only option.

If the supported person does not have capacity to make the decision or has no legal representative to make it for them, the Local Authority will automatically offer Option 3.



### What happens if I choose Local Authority Arranged Support?

By choosing Option 3 you have **not** lost choice and control over your support. Your practitioner will still support and engage with you about how you would like your support to be delivered to meet your needs and will keep you informed.

You will be limited to working only with the providers that have contracts with the council.



### What services and support can be provided through Local Authority Arranged Support?

Examples of services and support:

- support workers;
- respite provision;
- alternatives to respite provision;
- help with social, education or employment activities;
- personal care.

Your practitioner cannot arrange services for anything that is not identified as an outcome within your support plan.



## Contributing to Your Support



### Financial Assessment

A non-residential financial assessment will be completed with you where appropriate to find out if you are in a position to make a financial contribution towards your support. Your practitioner will support you to complete the initial financial assessment. This is known as 'Contributing to Your Support'.

Payment of your contribution (if applicable) is your responsibility. Where the council are paying for goods, activities and services on your behalf the net rate will be paid, you must pay your financial contribution personally.

## Issues and risks

*Where you have any queries about your support and you have an allocated practitioner or you are allocated to a team, please contact them in the first instance.*

Is the support meeting your needs? Do adjustments need to be talked about? Where you are not happy with any aspect of your support or services you are receiving it is important to talk about it with your practitioner.

**Your practitioner will be able to provide you with further information about SDS and the 4 options.**