

Factsheet 6 of 6: Direct Payments Training for your Personal Assistant

Why is training for my Personal Assistant important?

Training will support your Personal Assistant to meet your assessed needs.

As an employer you are responsible for the training of your Personal Assistant. This is to ensure both their and your safety, while they are caring for you. If you do not do this and an accident occurs, your insurance may be invalid.

What training is available?

There are a number of training courses available through Central Bedfordshire Council, including: Health and safety courses e.g. Moving and Handling, First Aid and Infection Control. There are also Awareness courses e.g. Autism, Dementia, Safeguarding, and Mental Capacity Act.

What training should the personal assistant have?

The training depends on your needs. You will need to discuss this with your care manager at the start of your Direct Payments, if there is a change in your care needs and at any review.

It will also depend on the skills that your personal assistant already has. You will need to talk to them about this when you are recruiting.

Central Bedfordshire Council will only be able to provide training that relates to your care and support needs, we cannot provide training just to add to your personal assistant's qualifications.

How do I arrange training?

Please contact the Learning and Development Manager regarding available training courses and how to apply. You will not be charged for the training delivered by Central Bedfordshire Council.

For training information contact the Learning and Development Manager on 0300 300 8303 or go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/asclid

How do I find out more?

Direct Payments are your choice.

Further Direct Payment Factsheets are available

For more information contact the Direct Payments Team:

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