



Direct Payments

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You are invited to the
DIRECT PAYMENTS FORUM

On

Tuesday 26th October 2010

Light Refreshments from

1 pm

Meeting starts @ 1:30

**At Christ Church, Redford Way,
Uxbridge (opposite Uxbridge Bus Station)**

With Guest Speaker

Jane Wiggins from Crossroads

If you require transport, please contact DASH

on

0208 848 8319 by

Friday 22nd October 2010

Future Direct Payments Forum Date:

Wednesday 26th January 2011

From 11:00 - 13:00



The trustees of the Independent Living Fund took the decision to close the Fund to all new applicants as of June 2010.

The decision was taken to ensure the Fund remained within its budget. In March the decision was made to write to local Authorities announcing that the fund from 1st May 2010, would only be able to accept new applications from disabled people in paid work for 16 hours or more.

The ILF have safeguarded the support allocated to the 21,000 existing Recipients of the Fund.

Self Directed Support:

The aim of self directed support is a way to give you a greater control and flexibility over how your care needs are met by allocating you a personal budget.

This is happening from August 2010, and if you are due for a review of support by the Council, you will be able to go onto this scheme.

Self Directed Support (SDS) is designed to give you flexibility and greater choice so that you can live your life in the way that you want.

Recruitment

DASH is not a recruitment agency. However we do keep a database of potential carers and Personal Assistants (PA) that can be given to Direct Payment Users who are trying to recruit. Dash cannot make any recommendation about any such carer/PA.

It can take time, sometimes many weeks, to find a suitable candidate. Dash will be able to assist Direct Payment Users by searching our database or advertise to find a suitable carer/ PA.

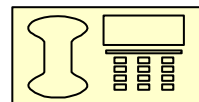
Dash can support clients at interviews, assist with sample questions, provide rooms at Dash for interviews (with notice), or attend interviews at the Direct Payment Users home, if desired.

Dash can also help with taking up references and arranging CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.

We are always looking for new Carers/PA's. If you know anyone please ask them to contact us on 0208 848 8319 for an Application Form.

Caring is not just about providing personal care to people in their own home, but getting them out and about in the community. E.g. shopping, gyms, swimming, yoga sessions and attending social clubs.

0208 848 8319



**Current Direct Payments Rates
Including 24 Hour Live-In Rates**

DAY	PERIOD	RATE	
WEEKDAY	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£7.98	per half-hr
	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£9.35	per 45 mins
	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£10.72	per hour
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£9.41	per half-hr
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£10.66	per 45 mins
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£11.93	per hour
	NIGHT SLEEPER:	£67.72	per night
	NIGHT SITTER:	£83.27	per night
WEEKEND	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£8.80	per half-hr
	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£10.30	per 45 mins
	DAY: (8.00am-8.00pm)	£11.82	per hour
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£10.30	per half-hr
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£11.52	per 45 mins
	EVE: (8.00pm-8.00am)	£12.73	per hour
	NIGHT SLEEPER:	£73.64	per night
	NIGHT SITTER:	£86.56	per night
Weekday		£91.55	per day
Weekend		£97.03	per day
24 HOUR	Weekday	£93.34 per day	
LIVE-IN	Weekend	£98.92 per day	

We have been informed by the London Borough of Hillingdon there will be no cost of living increase for the Year 2010/11.

DP Contributions:

As from the 1st August 2010 it is a requirement that all Service Users who are assessed by the London Borough of Hillingdon Income Team to pay financial contributions towards their care, should pay these Contributions directly into your Direct Payments Account.

You may be asked by the DP Team at LBH to produce your bank statements as evidence of paying your contribution.

You may of course use your contributions towards your assessed care.

Fish Insurance:

If you do not renew your cover, you will not be insured. London Borough of Hillingdon will cover the cost of the Basic Policy which is £77. If you wish to have the Comprehensive policy it will cost £135 which you can fund the difference yourself.



Driving for DASH

DASH is trying to recruit volunteer drivers. You need to be over 21 and have held a full UK/EU driving licence for at least two years. We need drivers who are MIDAS trained or who would be willing to undergo free training with HCT (Hillingdon Community Transport).

HCT Vehicles are 12-16 seated minibuses with wheelchair access.

Your support would enable us to offer transport to more clients who in turn would benefit greatly from getting out in the community. Our activities take place during the day at different times, six days a week. Most journeys are within the borough, with occasional trips further afield in the summer.



If you would like to volunteer with us perhaps once a week, once a month, or once in a while, we would be delighted to hear from you. We would pay all your expenses and your reward will be witnessing the delight of your happy passengers enjoying themselves!

If you are interested please ring **Janet Smith**, at DASH on 0208 848 8319, who would be delighted to tell you more!

Contact Civic Centre

For Direct Payments enquiries you can email:

scdirectpayments@hillingdon.gov.uk

Or use telephone number 01895 250111 and ask to be put through to 'Direct Payments Team'



User Group

At the recent meeting on the 30th September 2010 **Robin Vincent Day** was elected Chair, and **Pauline Cooper**, Vice Chair

AGM:

The **DASH AGM Meeting** will be held on Thursday 4th November at the Newton South Function Room at Brunel University from 7:30 pm



Minimum Wage

As from the 1st October this is increasing from:-

£5.80 to **£5.93** per hour for workers aged 22 and over.

£4.83 to **£4.92** per hour for workers between 18 and 21.

£3.57 to **£3.64** per hour for workers leaving school, under 18



USEFUL INFORMATION

If you have a disability, you may be eligible for the following discounts:

Disabled Persons Railcard: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk

Vehicle Tax Exemption:

If you are in receipt of DLA High Rate, and do not have a Mobility vehicle you may be entitled to get your Vehicle Tax free.

www.direct.gov.uk

Cinema Card:

This enables you and the carer to get free entry into participating cinema's.

www.ceacard.co.uk

For Hillingdon First Card Holders:

If you take along your Award Certificate and/or blue badge you may be eligible for extra concessions.

Contact: **01895 250453.**

Freedom Pass:

This is issued to residents of London Borough of Hillingdon to people who have high rate DLA Mobility.

Contact **01895 250111**

Taxi Card:

If you are in receipt of DLA High Rate Mobility you may be eligible for a London Taxi Card.

www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/taxicard

Free Directory Enquiries for people with visual disabilities

www.btplc.com

Motability Car:

If you are in receipt of High Rate Motability rate you may be eligible for a car, but you would need to give up a percentage of your monthly allowance.

Contact: **08454 564566**

Driving Lessons. If you are aged between 16-24 years, you may be entitled to a grant. To be eligible you must have a Motability vehicle, or applying for one.

Local Discounts:

London Eye: The disabled person pays full price, the carer goes free

www.accessiblebooking@londoneye.com

London Zoo: Disabled person pays full price, carer goes free

www.londonzooco.uk

Thorpe Park: Disabled person pays full price, up to 2 carers goes free

www.thorpepark.com

Legoland: Disabled person pays full price, carer goes free.

www.legoland.co.uk

Windsor Leisure Pool & Coral Reef – Bracknell:

A disabled person pays a discounted rate, and the carer will go free.

Most attractions/ venues do discounted prices for disabled people. They must ask to see evidence that you have been awarded the benefit, so it is advisable to take your Award letter or a letter from a doctor.

Remember you do not have to pay VAT on any disability products, but you will have to sign a disclaimer to say that you are eligible.



Fun, Free, Disability Football Coaching

Tuesday 26th October 2010

10:30 to 12:30 at Sandgate Football Club.

- Location. Sandgate FC, Bourne Avenue Playing Fields, Hayes.
- In partnership with DASH, Hayes Staff Recruitment, [Queens Park Rangers Community Trust](#), Sandgate FC.
- Session open to adults and children aged 14 and over, with any learning disability or sensory impairment.
- This is a follow up session after the success of the 4th event in August 2010.

New participants are welcome and encouraged!

For more details email,

rob@dash.org.uk or matthewl@qpr.co.uk

Or call Rob Burton at DASH on 020 8848 8319



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Activities 4 All

Weekly Events

Monday: **Arts and Crafts**, 7pm to 9pm, at Minet Country Park,
Springfield Road, Hayes, Middlesex. Cost £3.00



Tuesday: **Tennis**, 10.30am – 12 noon, at Dr Triplets School, Cedar
Avenue, Hayes, UB3 2JQ. Cost £1.00



Keep Fit, 2pm to 3pm, at Barnhill Community Centre,
Ayles Road, Hayes UB4 9HG. Cost £3.00

Wednesday: **Activities 4 All meeting**, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, at
The Crown Centre for the Deaf, Chestnut Avenue,
Yiewsley UB7 8BT. (every other Wednesdays.
*Please contact DASH before attending this activity)



Arts & Crafts Stall. 9am to 5pm at Malls,
Pavillions, Uxbridge. (every other Wednesdays.
*Please contact DASH before attending this activity)

Thursday: **Swimming**, 12.00 to 1pm at Hillingdon Sport & Leisure Complex,
Gatting Way, Uxbridge UB8 1ES. Cost £1



Yoga, 1pm to 2.30pm, at Christ Church, Redford Way,
Uxbridge UB8 1SZ. Cost £3.00

Football, 3pm to 4pm, at Botwell Green Sports & Leisure Centre,
Hayes. Cost £1.00



Friday: **Multi-sports**: 12.30pm - 2.30pm, at Botwell Green
Sports & Leisure Centre, Hayes. £1.00



All enquiries to Eugene Martin at DASH

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Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 2PB

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Email: eugene@dash.org.uk

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Proposed Bank Run Payment Dates for D.P

Payment Date:

25th October
22nd November
20th December
17th January 2011
14th February
14th March
11th April
9th May
6th June
4th July
1st August
29th August
26th September
24th October

Payment Period:

25th October—21st November
22nd November—19th December
20th December—16th Jan 2011
17th January—13th February
14th February—13th March
14th March—10th April
11th April—8th May
9th May—5th June
6th June—3rd July
4th July—31st July
1st August—28th August
29th August—25th September
26th September—23rd October
24th October—20th November



Payment is made 4 weekly in advance

London Borough of Hillingdon is looking for representatives for a

“Long Term Conditions Delivery Group”

If you would like more information, or a role description, or to be part of this Group, please contact

Beverley Grayley on 01895 277051.



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Disability does not mean inability

