

Direct payments and purchasing your own support - tips for deafblind people in British Sign Language

Sense has produced a film in BSL about direct payments and purchasing your own support. Each chapter looks at a different issue. You can watch each chapter here. You can order a copy of the DVD by contacting the [Sense Information Service](#).

- [Chapter one - an introduction](#) This clip explains what direct payments are and what the other nine clips cover. It also tells you how you can decide to receive a personal budget as a direct payment.
- [Chapter two - What are direct payments?](#) This clip tells you what direct payments are, who can receive them, how to ask for them and what you can use them for.
- [Chapter three - Direct payments: what are your rights?](#) This clip tells you what your rights are and what guidance councils should be following.
- [Chapter four - Making sure you receive the right amount of direct payments](#) This clip gives advice on how to make sure the amount of direct payment is going to be enough.
- [Chapter five - One-off direct payments](#) This clip explains what you may need to think about when you buy equipment, holidays, minor adaptations to your house and activities.
- [Chapter six - Purchasing different services](#) When you purchase your own support you can decide to employ people, use self-employed workers, agencies or organisations. This clip gives advice about these different options.
- [Chapter seven - Job applications and interviews](#) This clip gives advice on how to advertise for staff and carry out interviews.
- [Chapter eight - Managing and supervising staff](#) This clip gives you tips on how to manage staff, including any difficult situations.
- [Chapter nine - Managing risks](#) If you purchase your own support, you should think about risks to yourself, workers and the public. This clip gives advice on how to manage these risks.
- [Chapter ten - Managing paperwork](#) This clip gives you ideas on how to deal with paperwork.
- [Chapter eleven - Resources](#)

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