

Dundee Carers Funding Boost

Independent Advice and Support got a fantastic boost this month when the Self-directed Support Service, part of Dundee Carers Centre, were awarded Scottish Government funding of almost half a million pounds, over the next three years.

Team Manager Meg Marr said: “We are delighted that our bid was successful, and our team have been recognised at a national level for the high-quality resources and support that we have developed over the last six years.



This investment will complement the funding we receive from the Health and Social Care Partnership to provide Option 1 support to Personal Assistant Employers. It will also enable us to increase access to Self-directed Support reaching more people who could benefit from information, support and guidance. We worked closely with colleagues from the Health and Social Care Partnership to develop a bid based on identified need, which promotes closer integrated working between our organisations to meet these needs.”

Avril Smith-Hope, Senior Manager, Transformation Programme and SDS Lead said “The Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership is delighted that the Self-directed Support Service has been awarded continued funding from the Scottish Government ‘Support in the Right Direction’ fund to increase access to Self-Directed Support from 2018 to 2021. We have been working collaboratively over many years in Dundee, and this funding will ensure that this valuable work continues.”

The aim of the team is to increase access to Self-directed Support, enabling people to participate fully in the SDS process and provide the following support to Carers & Disabled people;

SDS Advisors

The Self-directed Support (SDS) team work across Dundee & Angus and can help individuals to direct their own support and work towards;

- Understanding all four options of Self-directed Support
- Finding the right people to support them
- Budgeting, paperwork and other responsibilities
- Keeping up-to-date with all employment related legislation and regulation

We will then continue to support as and when required – whether it’s making adjustments to employment contracts or supporting employers to resolve work related issues.

Learning & Development

Our Learning & Development worker can provide training on:

- Becoming a Personal Assistant employer
- Understanding their duties and responsibilities
- Empowering individuals to make the most of the employer / employee relationship.

They will provide support to work through the Employers Self-Assessment checklist and identify opportunities to develop skills including access to a range of accredited training, which meets individuals needs and lifestyle.

Finance Team

- 1:1 support to manage payroll for employees
- Holding bank accounts and making payments related to support under the Third-Party Money Management scheme
- Advising on the operation of pensions and money management
- Financial monitoring relating to support for the Health & Social Care Partnership

If you would like to know more about Self-directed Support and the range of support available, please contact:

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