



About Choice and Control

Choice and Control is in response to recent Government reforms in Adult Social Care services for new users of services. The programme is being implemented gradually and is currently in its learning phase as it begins to support people through the new approach.

Under Choice and Control, people accessing Adult Social Care services will be offered the opportunity to be assessed for Direct Payments/Personal Budgets. During this assessment, assessors will work with you to identify what you are able to do and what you hope to be able to achieve in order to live independently at home and within your community.

The assessment will help you to maximise how much you can do for yourself before any decisions are made about any future ongoing needs.

E.L.I.T.E will help you 'navigate' your way around the sometimes complex services provided by social care and assist you as much as you wish to write up your Support Plan, working with your social/key worker and with you to help you define the outcomes you want to achieve through any care or support provided. This means looking at what you want to do in your life and then at how best this can be achieved to suit your needs.

The Support Plan is likely to be a mix of support from informal, family carers or friends - people who may already support you - as well as more formal, paid care for support. You can choose how much support you want to develop your Support Plan.

Once your Support Plan is agreed the money to pay for the support will be released. You can use this money to purchase care and support yourself or if you choose, **E.L.I.T.E** can support you to purchase services on your behalf through the Brokerage Service. The aim of the brokerage service is to offer a support team, which will be able to build up relationships with providers to ensure that service users are getting value for money.

Choice and Control will give you the opportunity to make decisions about your own needs and plan your own support. In order to be able to do this effectively, you will also know how much social care money is allocated to you. You can choose how this money is managed