

## IMPROVING LIVES

At our Improving Lives Hub in Clydebank we offer a one stop shop for people living with disabilities.

Are you looking to find a new hobby? Want to apply for benefits? Need help filling in a form? Want to arrange a power of attorney? Whatever it is we can help.

### VISIT US!

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



## SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT

### INFORMATION LEAFLET

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## WHAT IS SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT?

SDS is a form of social care delivery which focuses on people having choice and control over their support. It is key to achieving a Scotland where disabled people live independently and with the right support that suits them.

SDS is when you arrange some or all of your (or your child's) support. It is for people who would like more flexibility, choice and control over their care so that they can achieve independent living.

## WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE WITH SDS?

When someone has been assessed and allocated a 'budget' by social services they will be given 4 options:

### Option 1: Direct Payment

A cash payment is paid directly to you (or a third party). You can use this payment to choose and control your support.

### Option 2: Individual Service Fund

You choose what support you would like and the local authority holds your budget and makes the arrangements on your behalf.

### Option 3: Direct Service

The local authority selects the support and arranges it.

### Option 4: A combination

You can choose to mix the above options to suit you.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SDS?

You must be eligible for social care to receive SDS. Eligibility is determined by your local social work department through an assessment.



## LET US HELP YOU

Would you like to know more about SDS? Need help to apply? Would you like to make changes to your existing SDS support package?

We can help! Book an appointment with one of our advisors and let us help you create support as unique as you are.

