

# Direct Payments and Personal Budgets

## Eligible Needs

Following your assessment, you may be eligible for a Carers Direct Payment; this is a sum of money that can be applied for to meet part, or all of your needs as outlined within the Care Act 2014. In order to qualify you will need to meet the National Eligibility Criteria.

There are three questions that the Carers Support Team and Scrutiny Panel will need to consider when assessing your eligible needs. You will need to meet the criteria for all three questions.

1. Are your needs the result of you providing necessary care for the person receiving a service from EPUT?

*It may be that the care you provide is not necessary, for example, the person you look after could manage certain tasks themselves or it could be that your needs or problems are the result of something other than your caring role.*

2. Does your caring role have an effect on you?

*The effect on you must be either your physical or mental health is at risk of deteriorating, or you are unable to achieve at least one of the following outcomes:*

- Look after any children you have responsibilities for
- Provide care to any other person
- Maintain your home in a fit and proper state
- Eat properly and maintain proper nutrition
- Maintain and develop your relationships with family and friends
- Take part in any education, training, work or volunteering you may wish to
- Time for social activities, hobbies etc.

3. Is there, or is there likely to be, a significant impact on your wellbeing?

*Your well-being includes things like personal dignity, control over your day to day life, participation in education, work or social activities, relationships with other people, having suitable accommodation, and protection from abuse and neglect.*

If it is deemed that you do not have eligible needs for funded support, it doesn't mean that the support you are providing isn't valuable. You will still be offered a Carer Support Plan with advice and information about what could be done to reduce your needs and improve your quality of life.

