

1. Direct Payment
2. Taking control of your support (sometimes known as an individual budget/service fund)
3. Local Authority arranges service- traditional service.
4. Mixture of the above

A social work assessment (based on Talking Points an Outcomes Focus model which is built around a 'Good Conversation') determines the level of care that a person may need and all SDS options are then based on this assessment. If the assessment deems that a service is required then an outcome focused support plan is developed. This should involve input from family members, carers and local community resources as necessary.

Support

A.I.L.N. Ayrshire Independent Living Network specialise in supporting people to manage SDS finances. They have a good knowledge of Direct Payments, Personal Budgets and The Independent Living Fund (ILF) and can provide payroll services for people who get SDS.

SDS the facts..

SDS is enshrined in legislation & statutory guidance
 SDS does not equal budget cuts
 SDS does not equal Increased risk
 SDS does not only involve direct payments
 SDS can involve employing a PA
 SDS is a cultural challenge

Questions from the Group to Steven :

Q: Is the provision of SDS a money saving exercise?

A: No—the amount allocated for care is transferred over to SDS payments.

If people chose option 1 here can be a lot of employment law and insurance issues/ tasks to manage. AILN (Ayrshire Independent Living Network) has been set up to support people to manage SDS help with safety checks contract and payroll.

Q: Is any of this means tested?

A: All SDS payments run in line with Scottish guidance. In Scotland personal care is free for all over 65s and all respite comes with a charge irrespective of age.

General Discussion around SDS

It was felt by J Sheward that SDS was an excellent way to look at personal need, for 90% of those requiring social work services, but queried the benefits to those with the most complex needs.

<p>Locality Planning Group Standing orders and terms of reference</p>	<p>Many people think that health is a route to social work and do not always realise that there are other ways to refer people to social work services. This led to a broader discussion around how a lay person might access social work services. There was a common consensus from the group that there is a lack of knowledge on Self Directed Support and how to make an initial access to social work services</p> <p>Further follow up discussions There was a high level of interest within the group around SDS and consensus that we should explore this topic in more detail</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be helpful to have some local follow up discussions with a view to exploring local employment/social enterprise approaches that relate to SDS.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we might perhaps ask a local person who has used SDS to share their experience of SDS with the group.</p> <p>Jane Allan shared her experience of working in partnership with Social Work colleagues as an occupational therapist within a Community Mental Health Team – Jane offered to provide an input on her role to the group at a future date.</p> <p>The role of Locality Planning is to identify and prioritise local themes and issues as outlined in standing orders and terms of reference (additional copies provided to the group for reference). Everyone was encouraged to familiarise themselves with Standing Orders and Terms of Reference in relation to their role and function on the group.</p> <p>Strategic plan refresh The group agreed that the priorities for Maybole and North Carrick Villages as outlined in the strategic plan refresh were an accurate representation and chose not to further prioritise.</p> <p>Discussions around Chair and Vice Chair Marie Oliver suggested community representatives David Kiltie Peter Mason and Mark Fletcher</p> <p>J Sheward proposed nominating a chair and vice chair on a temporary basis (possibly 6 months) The group agreed and David Kiltie was identified as chair and Mark Fletcher as vice chair</p> <p>Strategic Planning Advisory Group (SPAG) rep was discussed no rep was identified instead it was felt that David Kiltie and Mark Fletcher should share this role between them during the interim period. The group questioned why only one rep was allowed per Locality Planning Group</p>	<p>Action Dawn check out what SDS information is available online for members of the public to access</p> <p>Action: Dawn follow up local person input</p> <p>Action: Jane Allan Possible input for future meeting</p>
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<p>Dementia Friendly Environment - Follow Up</p>	<p>Dawn has created a folder including information on Dementia Friendly environments and supporting factsheets supplied by Elaine Currie and Alzheimer's Scotland. The group discussed wider access beyond dementia. It was agreed that a sub group steering group should progress this work.</p>	<p>Action: Dawn email out group to organise Access sub group</p>
<p>Locality Planning Communication Strategy</p>	<p>Ronnie Sinclair presented a draft communication strategy developed by a sub group of Girvan and South Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group for consideration by the group. It was agreed that developing a communication strategy for Maybole and North Carrick Villages should be a priority of the group and it was suggested that a sub group be set up to undertake this work.</p>	<p>Action: Dawn email out group to organise communication sub group</p>
<p>Locality Planning Small Grants</p>	<p>Locality Planning small grants fund of 5k for Maybole and North Carrick Villages requires to be advertised administered and distributed. Gus informed the group that grants will normally be £500 this does not preclude applications for over £500 if they are deemed suitable. It was suggested that a small grants sub group be set up to progress this work.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting Participatory budgeting was identified as a way of distributing the next tranche of small grants money (1st April 2016 onwards). The allocation of 5k may be matched with an additional 5k from the Scottish Government as part of a participatory budgeting initiative, creating the opportunity for Maybole and North Carrick Villages to distribute 10k in small grants funding.</p>	<p>Action: Dawn email out group to organise small grants sub group</p>
<p>Our Voice</p>	<p>Our Voice is a consultation process which involves people who use health and care services, carers and the public to engage purposefully with health and social care providers to continuously improve and transform services. Group members are encouraged to actively engage in Our Voice. Our Voice will operate at individual, local and national levels to support the improvement in Health and Social Care Services. Further information on our voice can be found by following the link below http://www.scottishhealthcouncil.org/patient_public_participation/our_voice/our_voice.aspx or by emailing ourvoice@scottishhealthcouncil.org</p> <p>The group were also reminded of South Ayrshire 1000 citizens' panel. South Ayrshire 1,000 offers a way for local people to provide feedback on a range of issues and influence decision makers. More information can be found by following the link</p>	<p>Action: Dawn send out PB link to Locality Planning group members</p>

<p>Locality Planning Meeting dates for next 6 months clarification of times and venues</p> <p>AOCB</p> <p>Date of Next meeting</p>	<p>below. http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/sa1000/</p> <p>The group discussed meeting during the day the merits of morning meetings as opposed to afternoon meetings. It was suggested that the group consider twilight/early evening meetings. No consensus was reached. The group will revisit meeting times at the next meeting. It was decided that the next meeting (scheduled for 18th February 2016) should take place 10 am–12 in the Carrick centre.</p> <p>Marie Oliver told the group that VASA are planning to launch a search engine called South Ayrshire Life. VASA will map every group across South Ayrshire over the next 18 months. The search engine is based on one produced by Inverclyde – Inverclyde Life</p> <p>The Next Locality Planning group will take place on Thursday 18th February 2016 from 10 am –12 in the Carrick Centre Maybole.</p>	
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