

4 DIRECT PAYMENTS - REVISION OF RATES (AN112-2010)

Since 1st June, 2003 the Council has had a duty to make available Direct Payments which allow people to receive money from the Social Work Department to arrange and purchase their own services to meet their assessed needs.

In November, 2007 Social Work and Health Committee agreed the updated rates to be used to calculate the value of a Direct Payment and also when calculating the contribution an individual should make towards the cost of their service.

In addition, the Social Work and Health Committee agreed the Social Care Support rates to be used to calculate the value of personal care provision where the service user has made their own arrangements to procure this provision.

Following recent completion of the re-tendering of the block domiciliary care contract it is now appropriate to revise these rates accordingly to ensure service users continue to have choice of service provider. It is therefore recommended that Social Work and Health Committee agree the following revised rates to take effect from 1st June, 2010.

Practical Support £8.91 per hour (previous rate £8.28 per hour).

Social Care Support

- (a) Service procured through a provider holding a block contract with Dundee City Council - rate equivalent to the contract rate paid to that provider by Dundee City Council.
- (b) Service provided through any other provider or by employment of a Personal Assistant - rate £11.94 per hour (previous rate £11.00 per hour).

The additional cost of the above change in rates will be £47,000 in 2010/11 (£56,000 in a full financial year) which will be funded from the Social Work Department's budget.