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**THE COMMUNITY CARE  
ASSESSMENT (CCA)**

Is undertaken in accordance with the NHS and  
Community Care Act 1990

# Who is entitled to a CCA?

Anybody who has difficulty with:-

- with their personal care
- arranging their own support

OR

- May require the Support of the Local Authority
- May require a change in their support



The CCA is undertaken at 17.5 years of age.

Services with the Disability Children's Team come to an end at the age of 18.

The CCA will determine whether services need to be continued/changed when transitioning to adult services for example... Respite, Direct Payments etc.

# What does a CCA involve?

The CCA looks at seven domains required to measure independence:-

- COMMUNICATION
- ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING
- SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
- PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING
- PHYSICAL WELLBEING
- FAMILY AND CARERS
- RISK



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WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO FAIRER  
ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES (FACS)

# What is the Eligibility Criteria

In May 2002 the Government issued new guidance to councils on how they should set their eligibility criteria for services. This is to ensure **FAIRER ACCESS TO CARE SERVICES (FACS)** across the country.

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## How we decide who gets help

Once the **Transition Team** have carried out a full community care (CCA) or rapid assessment, they then decide the level of need and the risk to the person's independence'.

This assessment is normally carried out around the age of 17.5 years.



The young person is then placed  
in one of four categories

1. **Critical** risk to independence
2. **Substantial** risk to independence
3. **Moderate** risk to independence
4. **Low** risk to independence



## These categories are measured by how long a person would survive if ALL the support around them was taken away:

- **Critical**, the person would be at imminent and serious risk of survival within a few hours.
- **Substantial**, the person would be at significant risk of survival, self-neglect within a few days.
- **Moderate**, whilst the person would probably be able to sustain independence, they would be at high risk of self neglect over a longer period of time and eventually difficulties in maintaining independence would be evident.
- **Low**, the person would be able to survive for a longer period of time without help or support but would probably be able to sustain independence for a significant amount of time.

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## WHAT IF YOUR NEED FALLS BELOW THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THRESHOLD.....

Then a referral will be made to outside agencies for support, such as:

- > Mencap
- > Burgess Autistic Trust
- > Shaw Start



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Direct Payments and Personal Budget



## What is a Direct Payment?

The Council want people to have more choice and control over their lives. If you have had an assessment that shows you are eligible for care and support funded by the Council you will be given a personal budget. You can then choose how that money is used to meet your needs.

One option is to organise the services yourself. The way we give you the money is through what is called a **direct payment**.



## What are the benefits to me?

Having a **direct payment** puts you in control of how your services are managed.

- **You** can **arrange** and **purchase** you own support.
- **You** choose **who** provides your care, and
- **You** control **when** you receive your care
- You might use the money to:
  - Employ someone directly to help with your care (a Personal Assistant)
  - Buy care from a private registered care agency. Make your own arrangements instead of using the Council's day care or respite care
  - You can be flexible with a **direct payment** and some people choose a mix of **direct payments** and services

The choice is yours.

## Who can have a Direct Payment?

Anyone who is eligible to receive care or support services from the Council can have a **direct payment. - with the exception of long term residential care services.** There are also some restrictions under Mental Health Law or by a Court Order that make you ineligible.



## What is a Personal Budget?

A personal budget is money paid by us (Bromley Adult Social Services) to you that you can use to arrange your own care support.

## How is it different from a Direct Payment?

People receiving direct payments have already benefited from having more control and choice over how their care and support needs are met.

By introducing Personal Budgets it does mean that more people can enjoy these benefits without having to manage the budget and support themselves

## Personal Budget can be managed in a number of ways by:

- > The person themselves (for example, as a Direct Payment), with funds sent direct to your bank account.
- > Organising and managing your agreed support yourself but asking someone else to manage the personal budget money for you (a representative, family, friend, Independent Living Trust, broker or provider organization).
- > We can organize, buy and manage your agreed support and manage the Personal Budget for you.
- > A combination of the previous 3 options.

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# Who can have a Personal Budget?

Provided you are eligible for support from the Council, anyone over the age of eighteen with care and support needs may qualify for a Personal Budget, for example if:

- > You have a physical, learning or sensory disability
- > You have an age related illness or impairment
- > You have mental health problems

This is subject to an assessment of your needs and your individual financial circumstances.



## **There are some rules regarding what you can spend your money on:**

- It should improve your quality of life
- It must be legal
- It cannot be used for gambling
- It cannot pay for things that may be paid for by the National Health Service

**You will not normally be allowed to use a Direct Payment to pay people that you live with to provide care for you.**



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