

# Direct payments glossary

## **Personal Budget**

Your Personal Budget is the amount of money allocated to fund your care and support needs following your Care Act assessment.

## **Direct Payment**

Once your Personal Budget has been agreed, you can choose to receive some or all of this money in the form of a Direct Payment. A Direct Payment allows you to have more choice and control over how your care is provided.

## **Pre- paid card - Bristol Direct Payment Account (BDPA)**

To support the management of your Direct Payment this pre-paid card, linked to a bank account, is where your Direct Payment is paid into and operates like a banking debit card. The account cannot become overdrawn because there is no credit facility.

## **Financial assessment**

An assessment of your financial circumstances to work out if you may have to make a personal contribution towards the cost of your care and support needs.

## **Direct payment support provider**

If you need support to manage the set up and management of your Direct Payment, Bristol City Council will pay for you to use a Direct Payment support provider. They can help you:

- with recruiting a Personal Assistant and advise on your responsibilities
- manage payroll
- offer a supported account where they can support you in managing the payments going in and out of your account

## **Personal assistant (PA)**

A PA is someone who you can employ to provide some or all of your care and support needs as set out in your Support Plan.