

DIRECT PAYMENTS TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH

The Direct Payments Scheme is available to **Mental Health** service users. It can provide cash to allow choices about recovery, in place of some of the care services provided by LPT/LCC. Direct Payments are tax free and do not affect benefits.

Direct Payments apply to:

Those with mental health problems, over 16 and using LPT/LCC carers who have been assessed as needing support

Direct Payments can be used for:

Employing help instead of that provided by LPT/LCC

Employing similar help that is more focused on the way the client wants to be recovering from their illness

Direct Payments can pay for:

Personal care / support / recovery

Support for day care needs

Support for carers

To apply:

Consider exactly how extra cash could aid care / support / recovery

Have this request assessed by LPT/LCC

Guidance and support:

A community psychiatric nurse or LPT/LCC can give help in applying for The Direct Payments Scheme

For further information: www.lincsmind.co.uk/dps

or

Telephone the Direct Payments Team: 01522 554045

Currently care provision is by LPT (Lincolnshire Partnership Trust) for under 65's and by LCC (Lincolnshire County Council) for over 65's.