



Checking if the Right to Control should
carry on for another 12 months

Tell us what you think



Easy Read

Important

This booklet is about checking if the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months in Trailblazer areas.

Green writing

In this Easy Read booklet we explain what some words mean.

The first time we mention any of these words, it is in **bold green** writing. We then write what the words mean in a blue box.

These words and what they mean are also in a words list at the back of the booklet.

If any of the words are used later in the booklet, we show them in **normal green** writing. If you see words in **normal green** writing, you can look up what they mean by looking for the blue box earlier in the booklet, or by looking at the Words List.

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About the Right to Control

The Right to Control is a legal right for disabled people. It was set up in 2010.

The Right to Control was set up to give disabled people more choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives.



The government set up **Trailblazers** in 7 local council areas to test the Right to Control from December 2010 to December 2012.

Trailblazers

These are the 7 local council areas in England that are testing the Right to Control.

The 7 local councils that are **Trailblazers** are

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council.
- Essex County Council.
- Leicester City Council.
- London Borough of Barnet.
- London Borough of Newham.
- Manchester Area Partnership. This includes Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council.
- 2 parts of Surrey County Council. The 2 parts are Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

Support services

There are 6 support services in the Right to Control.

- Access to Work.
- Work Choice.
- Independent Living Fund.
- Supporting People.
- Disabled Facilities Grant.
- Adult Social Care.

Access to Work

Access to Work gives advice and support to people whose disability or health problem affects how they do their work. Access to Work can help pay for a support worker, or the extra costs a disabled person might have in travelling to and from work. It can also help pay for things like a special computer a disabled person might need to help them do their job.

Work Choice

This is support for disabled people to help them learn new skills and find out what it is like at work.

Independent Living Fund

This is money for disabled people who need extra help to keep living at home.

Supporting People

This is a support service for some groups of people who need help with their housing. One of these groups is disabled people. The service aims to help people so they can stay in their own home.

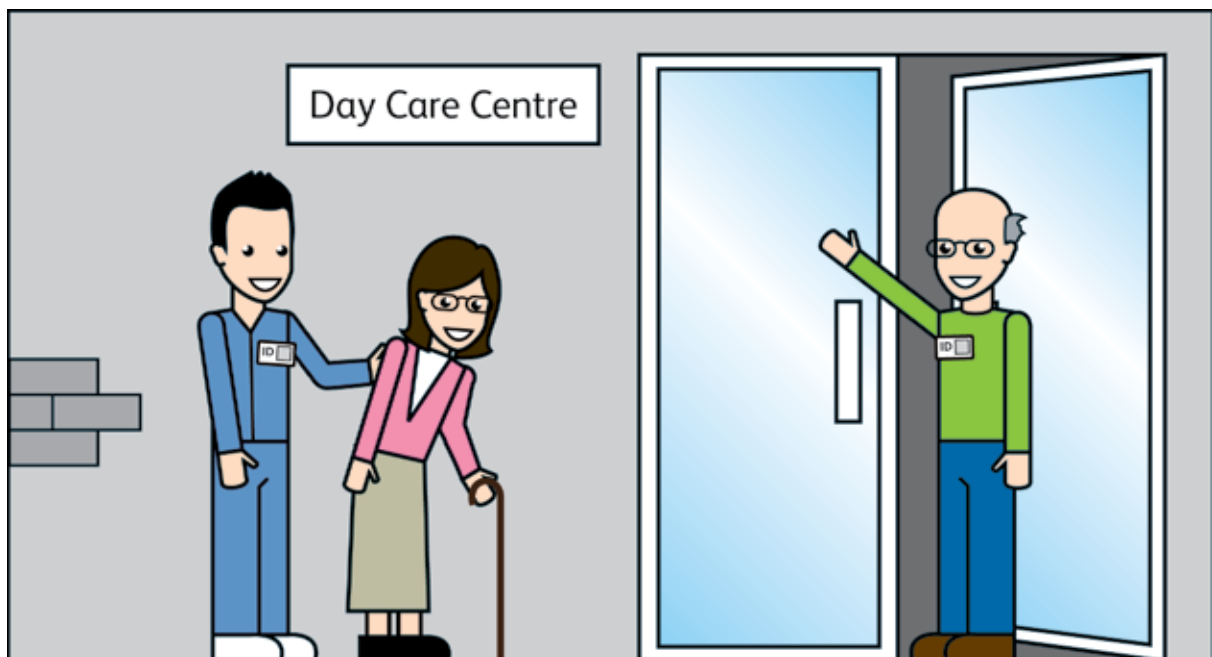


Disabled Facilities Grant

This is money from the local council to pay for changes to a disabled person's house. This means the disabled person can keep living at home.

Adult Social Care

These are services from local councils to help disabled people and older people. Most people get their adult social care services at home. For example, help with washing and dressing, help with shopping, cooked meals brought to people's houses, and day centres where people can go to meet other people.



What we want to happen next

The Right to Control builds on work that has already been done towards making services for each person who needs them. An example of this is using **personal budgets** to pay for adult social care.

Personal budget

This tells a disabled person how much money they can spend on their care and support services. It also shows how it was worked out.



We know that many disabled people have been helped by the Right to Control. But we do not have enough information to decide what will happen in the future.

So that we can get more information about how the Right to Control is working, we would like to test it for another 12 months.

We would like you to tell us if you think this is a good idea.
This is called a **consultation**.

Consultation

This is when the government asks what people think about its plans.



About this consultation

This **consultation** will last for 12 weeks. It will start on 28 June 2012 and it will end on 21 September 2012.

You need to tell us what you think by 21 September 2012.

You can let us know what you think in one of these 3 ways.

You can telephone us and leave a message on 01535 617402.

You can write and post a letter to us. Our address is
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Ground Floor
Caxton House
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You can send us an email. Our email address is
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Freedom of information

This consultation is covered by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This means that if you tell us what you think about the Right to Control, anyone can ask us to tell them what you and everyone else told us.

This includes things like your name. And these people may use this information in things they write. This means that if you tell us things like your name, you are also telling us we can give this information to people who ask us for it.

If you do not want us to do this, you could tell us less about yourself. For example, you might give us just your first name and the town you live in.

If you do not want us to tell other people about what you think about the Right to Control, please tell us why. Even then, unless you have a good reason, the Freedom of Information Act may force us to tell people.

If you contact us by email to tell us what you think, we cannot be sure that other people won't see your email.

If you want to find out more about the Freedom of Information Act in the Department for Work and Pensions, please contact

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But the Freedom of Information Team cannot give any advice about this consultation.

You can find out more about the Freedom of Information Act at www.dwp.gov.uk/freedom-of-information

Word list

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More information

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