

# IMPACT- Improving Adult Care Together

## Making Managed Budgets a Reality

## 13th October 2023 Workshop Summary

**Easy Read Version** 

#### Why am I being given this document?



You are seeing this document because you've been part of a group that meet to talk about **self-directed support**.



The meetings to talk about this are called '**Community of common interest**' sessions, and there was a special workshop on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### What happened at the workshop?



The workshop was in person at the Dunsilly Hotel in Antrim.



This meeting was organised by ARC NI and included representatives from these groups:





- <u>CAN</u> (Compass Advocacy Network)- A **network of advocates** who work together on different issues.
- <u>TILLI</u>- a group of adults with learning disabilities



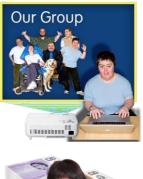
• The <u>Department of Health</u>, who are professionals that work in **health care**.



• People and organisations that work with people with learning disabilities and carers.



• Health and Social Care Trustswho are people that work in care and similar settings.









- The workshop focused on making managed budgets a reality'.
- Managed budgets are when the money to help a person to live the life they want to is looked after by another organization, like a care provider or a Trust.
- We heard about a band of people with learning difficulties who use their Direct Payments to help them play music together- a managed budget might have made this easier
- We heard about policy in England and Scotland



• We heard about barriers getting in the way of managed budgets being used by people in Northern Ireland



Sometimes new ideas are seen as too risky



• Too many other things get in the way of trying something new



• Not knowing what is available was another barrier

### What will happen next



 People worked together in the different Health and Social Care Trusts to decide what would happen next to help people use managed budgets



• ARC NI, IMPACT and people who attended the workshop will meet to see how they can work together in the future.