

IMPACT- Improving Adult Care Together

Making Managed Budgets a Reality

13th October 2023 Workshop Summary

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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 13th 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



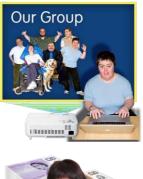
• The <u>Department of Health</u>, who are professionals that work in **health care**.



• 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.