

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:



- [CAN](#) (Compass Advocacy Network)- A **network of advocates** who work together on different issues.



- [TILLI](#)- a group of adults with learning disabilities



- The [Department of Health](#), who are professionals that work in **health care**.



- **People and organisations that work with people with learning disabilities and carers.**



- Health and Social Care Trusts- who 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.