Personalisation Week

11th - 15th November 2024 Programme of Events



A week of events celebrating personalised care and support. People are at the heart of what we do.





Personalisation Week - Events Guide

Between 11th - 15th November 2024, the Direct Payments Service are hosting Personalisation Week, a week of events to celebrate and raise awareness about personalised care and support in Sheffield, which is all about people being in control of how they wish to live their life. We have a fantastic week of events planned!

An exhibition titled "Personal Assistant and Proud" with artwork from local artist, Luke Horton and stories people have shared with us about their experiences of employing a Personal Assistant (PA) or working as one. The exhibition will be on display in the Winter Gardens from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th of November.

You are invited to join us at the Power of Personalisation — "live the life you want to lead" event on Tuesday 12th November in the Winter Gardens 10:00-15:30. There will be stalls from some of our wonderful Sheffield providers and local organisations as well as some technology enabled care demonstrations, creative activities and a word hunt with a chance to be entered into a prize draw to win prizes. The Big Voice drama group will be giving a performance of their play, "Welcome to Sunny Smiles" at 12pm. This powerful play highlights some important messages about loss of independence, choice and control that people with Learning Disabilities experience in group living settings.

Find out more about the Sheffield Care Academy and the Social Care Award celebrations. Put forward your nominations for PA and Individual Employer of the year plus more categories.







There will be a pop-up Disability Sheffield PA Register stand in the Winter Gardens where people can chat to our PA Champions about the rewarding and varied role of a Personal Assistant and see the current jobs being advertised. You can also join the register if you're looking to hire a Personal Assistant or want to become one. The stand will be in the Winter Gardens every day as follows: Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th 11:30 -13:30, Thursday 14th 11:00 - 12:30 and Tuesday 12th 10:00 - 15:30.

Come and meet the Direct Payment Support Service and the Direct Payment Audits team on Thursday 14th November between 1pm and 5pm at the Town Hall, room G46. No need to book, this is a drop in event.











































During the week there will be some interesting and informative online sessions hosted on Microsoft Teams:

Tech Enabled Care with Paul Higginbottom and Steve Cullen

Monday 11th November 11:00 - 12:00 All welcome

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This event will explore Technology Enabled Care (TEC) and look at the Telecare Services available from Sheffield City Council's Citywide Care Alarms aimed at enabling people to live independently, safe, and well in their own homes, at the same time considering equipment such as the Alexa Echo Show which can be purchased directly through people's personal budgets. We will also discuss TEC training opportunities which will be available this Winter to provide people with knowledge and understanding of the types of equipment available and how they help meet peoples chosen care outcomes.



Introduction to Individual Living Group PA with David Ashley
Monday 11th November 14:00 - 15:00

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ILG PA is the first employee assistance programme (EAP) designed for Personal Assistants. Also providing an ID badge and wellbeing support, the scheme is designed to offer individual employers an opportunity to enhance their PAs terms and conditions. This session will explain the offer, how it works and the benefits it provides.



Creative Support Planning with Jessica Shutt Monday 11th November 15:00 – 16:00 This is a Social worker and Social Care Practioner event

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An engaging one-hour presentation where we will delve into the transformative world of 'creative support planning'. There will be a look at the Helen Sanderson support planning tools, a powerful resource designed to foster better conversations and more effective support plans. We will explore the tool's functionality, its significance in support planning, and strategies to encourage individuals to think differently about their support needs. Additionally, we will discuss the importance of a person-centred approach in support planning, and ways to encourage different thinking about support needs, as well as provide insights into what a support plan might look like using this innovative approach. Your participation and insights will be highly valued as we navigate these crucial aspects of personalised care.



The Power of Language and Labels with Bryony Shannon

Wednesday 13th November 10:30 - 12:30 All welcome

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Language is powerful. The words we choose to use reflect and influence the way we think, feel, and behave. While we may talk about 'personalisation', much of the dominant language of care and support reveals and reinforces an impersonal reality. We'll reflect on why language matters and hopefully by the end of the session you'll be convinced that we can only personalise care and support if we personalise our language first.



Gloriously Ordinary Outcomes with Tricia Nicoll Wednesday 13th November 14:00 - 17:00 This is a Care and Support Provider event - limited spaces

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What would you be proud to say you are achieving with people? This session will give people working for organisations who offer support to people at home the chance to explore how we really can support people to have Gloriously Ordinary Lives. We will explore what great outcomes can look like for people and challenge participants to think about what they would be proud to say they have achieved terms of great support.



Introduction to Direct Payment Training with Shamim Akhtar
Wednesday 13th November 14:00 – 16:00
This is a Social worker and Social Care Practioner event

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Introduction to Direct Payments is a course designed to be undertaken by new starters and students in social care teams as part of their induction. It is also available to staff wanting a refresher on Direct Payments. It provides basic knowledge about Direct Payments that is required to undertake Care Act assessments and support plans.



Introduction to Individual Service Funds with Andy Buxton Friday 15th November 09:30 - 10:30

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Find out more about Individual Service Funds (ISFs). We are currently developing ISFS in Sheffield as a new option for people to draw on highly personalised support that promotes creative and innovative approaches.

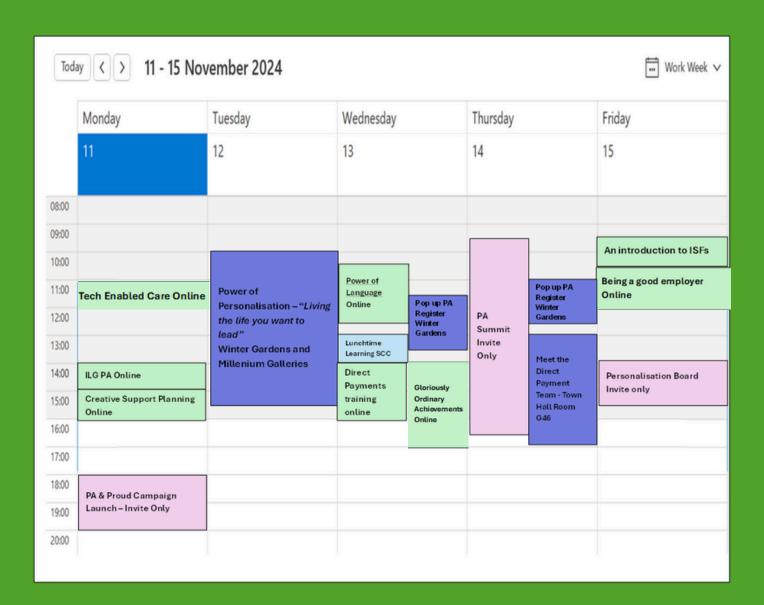


Being a good employer with David Ashley
Friday 15th November 10:30 - 12:00
This is an event for Individual Employers, Social
Workers and Social Care Practioners.
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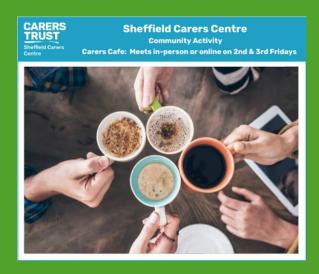


Hosted by the Independent Living Group, this session will cover the basic legal obligations an employer has when taking on a Personal Assistants and where to go for advice, support, and helpful information. Join us for insightful discussions and practical tips.

Summary of events during Personalisation Week



To kick off Personalisation Week, there are a few fantastic events taking place the week before!



On Friday 8th November
Sheffield Carers Centre are
holding a Carers Cafe at the
Town Hall in room G46. The
theme will be personalised care
and support.

All carers are welcome whatever their caring role and there is no need to book a place.



The Disability Sheffield PA Register will be at the Opportunity Sheffield Job Fair on Wednesday 6th November
10:00 - 12:00 in St Marys Church.
Come along if you'd like to know more about becoming a Personal Assistant

More to come...



We're excited to announce a special Wellbeing event for Sheffield's carers, unpaid carers, and Personal Assistants, organised by the Direct Payments Service and Social Care Heroes! Join us for fantastic wellbeing sessions and the opportunity to connect with others in similar roles over tea or coffee. Plus a free raffle featuring amazing prizes donated by local independent businesses. Keep an eye out for a flyer with more details coming soon!

We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us:



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