

Factsheet

Adult Care Services



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Small Supports

What are Small Supports?



Hertfordshire County Council are working with National Development Team for Inclusion to create new providers to help people to live in their own community.



National Development Team for Inclusion spoke to lots of different people to think about how we can help people to lead happy lives, with the people who are important to them.



We already have some services that work well for people, but we want to find some smaller providers that can help people with more complex care needs. We have called these Small Supports.

Who are Small Supports for?



Small Supports are small local providers that work with people with Learning Disabilities and or Autism.



Small Supports work with people who may have been to secure hospitals or other locked settings and need some help to live in the community near people that are important to them.



These may be people who can hurt or challenges themselves or people around them.



Or people that have been in contact with the police or justice system.

What will Small Supports do?



Small Supports will add to the choices available to people with Learning Disabilities or Autism to help them live the lives they want.



Small Supports will focus on rights, values and being person centred. This means listening to what is important to you and helping you to achieve these things.

How do Small Supports work?



Small Supports will do this by working with you and your representatives to use your personal budget to tailor your care.



Your personal budget will be given to you as an Individual Service Fund. Your provider will hold the money and you will tell them how you want to spend it to help you live a happy and full life.



That will mean listening to you about where and who you want to live with and the life you want to have.



It will mean being involved in picking your staff.



Choosing how you spend your time



Making sure you have the right people around you that understand your needs to help you stay well, and stop you from going to hospital.

How are Small Supports different?



Small Supports are different because they:

- ✓ Stay small so they can focus on your needs
- ✓ Are risk positive and understand that we all take risks to reach our goals
- ✓ Can be flexible because of how they are funded and so will grow with you
- ✓ Place you at the centre of decision making giving you more choice and control

How can I find a Small Supports provider?



To access a Small Support you will need to have an assessment under the Care Act 2014.



You have to live in Hertfordshire to have an assessment from us. If you do not live in Hertfordshire, you should contact your local council.



You can ask for an assessment on our website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/adults
Or by calling 0300 123 4042



You need to be known to Hertfordshire County Council as someone who needs help under the Transforming Care Agenda.



You will need to use your personal budget as an Individual Service Fund.



You will need to choose a Small Supports provider from an approved list held by Hertfordshire County Council. This is so we can make sure they are high quality.



If you want to work with a provider that is not on our approved list you will need to ask your social worker about a direct payment.

For more information

Contact the Small Supports Project Manager at
ADS.Supportedliving@hertfordshire.gov.uk

National Development Team for Inclusion

<https://www.ndti.org.uk/change-and-development/small-supports>

Find out more about support on a smaller scale

[Beyond Limits,](#)

[C-Change](#)

[Positive Support for You](#)

You can also find out more about Transforming Care below:

[NHS England – Homes not hospitals](#)

[Transforming care: Louise's story](#)