



# Principles that underpin **Self-Directed Support:**

## **1. Right to independent living**

If someone has an impairment they should be able to get the support they need to live an independent life.

## **2. Right to a personal budget**

If someone needs ongoing support they should be able to decide how the money that pays for that support is used.

## **3. Right to self-determination**

If someone needs help to make decisions then decision-making should involve that person as much as possible and reflect that person's own interests and preferences.

## **4. Right to accessibility**

People must be able to understand the systems and rules to maximize the ability of the person to control their own support.

## **5. Right to flexible funding**

When someone is using their personal budget they should be free to spend their money in a way that best makes sense to them, without unnecessary restrictions.

## **6. Accountability principle**

The person with support needs and the government both have a responsibility to each other to explain their decisions and to share what they have learned.

## **7. Capacity principle**

People with support needs, their families and their communities must not be assumed to be incapable of managing their support, learning new skills or making a contribution.