



moray Self Directed Support

Option 2 Individual Service Funds

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What is an Individual Service Fund (ISF)?

An Individual Service Fund sits under Option 2 of Self Directed Support (SDS). Moray Council is currently working alongside selected ISF providers who will work with you in order to support you to meet your agreed outcomes. Your ISF Provider will hold the budget for you and spend the funds as directed by you, on the care and support you need in a flexible way.

How much money will I receive?

Your social worker will work with you to complete the SDS Supported Self-Assessment Questionnaire. The questionnaire looks at your needs and what support you already have. It will help you identify your strengths, priorities and personal goals and how you want to achieve them.

Once finalised, you will then receive an indication of the individual budget you may receive to meet your agreed goals. This budget is called your indicative budget.

Making Your Plan

Your social worker will work with you to identify the things that are important to you and help you to think about your outcomes. Your chosen ISF provider will work with you to decide how your budget will be spent to meet your agreed goals and outcomes. Should you wish to make changes to your plan, your ISF provider will work with you to make the changes as long as it is still working towards your agreed goals and outcomes. If your goals and outcomes change your ISF provider will contact your allocated social worker.

How will my budget be managed?

Your ISF provider will hold your budget and make the necessary arrangements on your behalf to meet your agreed goals and outcomes. They will arrange your chosen support services and purchase any items or short breaks for you. They will submit returns to Moray Council on your behalf to monitor how the funds have been spent.

Is there a fee for an ISF?

There is a management fee to have an ISF provider to support you under Option 2. This cost includes the support planning and budget management that will be undertaken by your chosen ISF provider. Each ISF provider has their own costings and can be seen in their individual information handouts. These costs would come out of your identified individual budget. Your social worker will be able to advise you on the individual ISF costings.

Will I have to make any contributions towards my funding?

You may do. An ISF is part of SDS Option 2 and would therefore be subject to the current contributions policy which will determine if you have to make any contribution towards your care and support.

Will I be accountable for the use of the money?

Your chosen ISF provider will ensure that your budget is spent in an appropriate way to meet your agreed outcomes, therefore your chosen ISF provider would be accountable to Moray Council.

What if my needs change?

If your needs change significantly your chosen ISF provider will contact your allocated social worker to request a review, and, if appropriate, your individual's budget will be adjusted to meet your change in need.

What if my plan isn't working for me?

If your plan isn't working for you, simply contact your ISF provider who will work with you to meet your outcomes in a more appropriate way.

Contact Details

For further information regarding Individual Service Funds please contact:

Your allocated social worker

or

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