

# Pooling Your Direct Payments with other people

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# What does pooling your Direct Payments with other people mean?



**Pooling your Direct Payments** means that you take some or all of your Direct Payment money and add it to money that belongs to other people.



When you pool your money with someone else you share the costs of things you pay for.



This can save you money



You may be able to do things together that you couldn't afford to do alone

# What can I use my Pooled Direct Payments for?

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Here are some of the ways you could spend your pooled Direct Payments. You might spend it on:



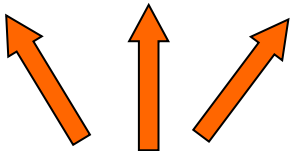
**Getting a Personal Assistant –** a Personal Assistant is someone who helps you out



This might be with things like doing your shopping and cooking, or with helping you to get out and about.



You would share the Personal Assistant with the people you have pooled money with.





Setting up a club for a hobby you all like or starting a social group

You could:

- Hire a room
- Pay for someone to support you to get there
- Pay for someone to help you out whilst you are there.
- Pay for equipment or materials



**Alternatives to day services** – You may want to pool your direct payments with other people to do something you are all interested in, or even start your own enterprise?



**Alternatives to respite care** – You may want to pool your direct payments with people you know to arrange your respite care in a different way.

## Examples



### Anne and Jane's story

Anne and Jane are good friends and live together. They need help with:

- Personal care
- Cooking
- Household tasks



Anne and Jane pool their direct payment to pay for the support they need. They employ a Personal Assistant to help them out.



### John and his friends

John and his friends have an interest in gardening, so instead of going to the local day centre they pooled their money and now work on their own allotment with support.



They have met lots of new people and can now do more for themselves. They sell their produce at a local farmers market.

## Laura and her friends

Laura and her friends like to make music.

They want to meet up and play once a week in their own band.



They decided to pool some of their direct payments money to hire a room in a local club, and pay for support from a musician when they are there.

They would like to play some gigs when they are good enough



## More Information

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### To find out more



You can find out more information about pooling your direct payments by speaking with Mark Cooper:



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