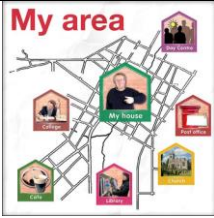




# Easy Read

## Fact Sheet 7 – What is Support Brokerage?



A stack of money on a purple circular base with the text "Personal Budget". Below it is the same man thinking logo as above.	<p>Personal Budgets allow you to have real choice and control about how your support might work best for you. Sometimes it's difficult to know what may be available to you and it can take a long time finding the right support and getting things moving.</p>
A spiral-bound notebook with a photo of a woman on the cover. The text "My Plan" is written at the top.	<p>A Support Broker can help you with this. They can help you with your Support Plan and Personal Budget. They can also help you find services and support you want.</p>
A man in a blue suit holding a white card with a list: 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____.	<p>They can also help you in other ways. Take some time to read the list below and talk about the ideas with your family and your Care Manager.</p>
A group of six diverse people standing together and smiling.	<p>It may be that your family and friends could be the best people to help you organise and manage your Personal Budget.</p>
A stack of money on a purple circular base with the text "Personal Budget".	<p>You can get advice from others who have personal budgets or through <b>York Independent Living Network (YILN)</b> who have experience of help people learn how to plan, use and manage their Personal Budgets.</p>
A scene showing people in a community setting, including a person in a wheelchair, on a purple circular base with the text "Community Life".	<p><b>Local Voluntary and Community Organisations:</b> Local organisations may be able to help you to find activities and support that meets your needs.</p>

 <p>My area</p>	<p><b>Providers of Services:</b> If you prefer, you can ask someone who works for a Provider service to help you organise your support. However, this may not always be as independent as some other options.</p>
 <p>Council</p>	<p><b>City of York Council staff:</b> Your Care Manager will be able to help you find out about and arrange services.</p>
	<p><b>Independent Brokers:</b> Independent Brokers can help you plan, find community resources and negotiate services for you. You will have to pay for this service.</p>



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