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Fact Sheet 9 - Using a Personal Assistant

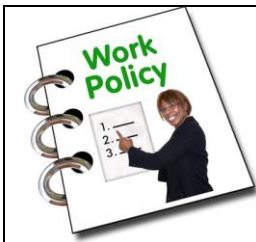


What do I need to know?

One of the many benefits of having a Personal Budget is being able to use a Personal Assistant (PA). A PA is a person who is paid by you to help you live more independently.

There are 2 ways to get a PA

The first way



The first way is by employing someone privately. If you employ a PA privately this means that you are the employer. You will be responsible for your PA.

You will have to





Advertise for a PA




Interview people for the job





Choose the right person for you



	<p>Decide what you need your PA to do for you.</p>
	<p>Managing your PA's wages and national insurance payments.</p>

The second way

	<p>The second way is by paying an organisation to provide someone to help you</p>
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	<p>You can decide to pay a Provider to choose you a PA. Your Provider will then look after your PA. They will pay their wages and insurance payments. But you may not have as much choice and control over the employment process.</p>
	<p>It is also possible to employ someone through an agency but this may cost more and would use more of your Personal Budget.</p>

You can get help from

	<p>Ask your Care Manager for more information and help with this if you need to.</p>
	<p>For more details about independent living and employing a PA contact York Independent Living Network (YILN) 07952 230 012</p>



For further information please look at the other Fact sheets in this series and our website: www.york.gov.uk