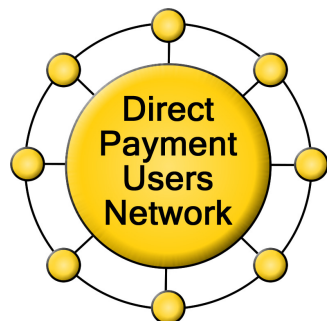


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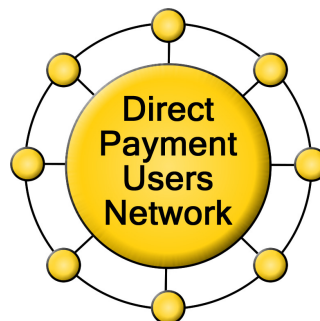
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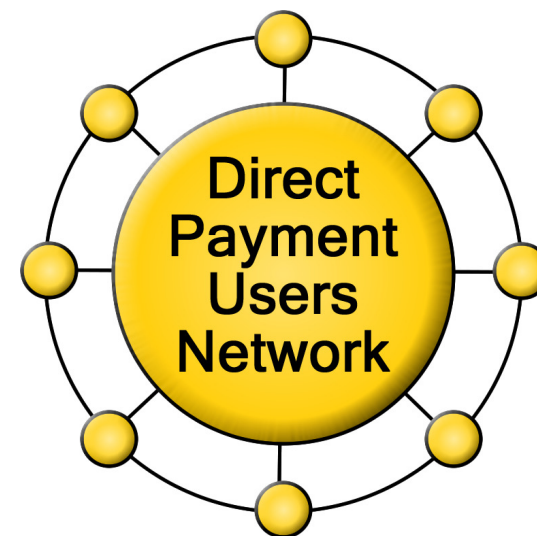
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## DIRECT PAYMENT USERS NETWORK

**We are Here for YOU!!! Who are we???**

We are an independent organisation of Direct Payment and Personal Budget Users of services. A voluntary network which provides peer support and works constantly for this group of people. We strive to make sure that Users of Direct Payment and Personal Budget services in Essex are given a standard of service that is acceptable to us, **the Users of the services**. We can informally advise and signpost people and exchange ideas. We are an accessible network for information. "If we don't know - We know a person who will." The purpose of this organisation is to give us, the Users, a voice. To discuss what is working well, what needs to be improved, and what isn't working. We also keep DP/PB Users updated by our quarterly newsletter sent to over 2,000 individuals. We work in partnership with support services, Essex County Council and all who can further what we want and need. In Essex we have one of the largest groups of CASH Payments Users, (DP/PB's) in the country, and it is intended that through Essex County Council's ethos of "Valuing People", that the take up of Personal Budgets will increase. **Our group is organised and run by Cash Payment Users (DP/PB) Users**, and holds main meetings every 2 months at a venue in Essex.

## DPUN MAIN MEETINGS

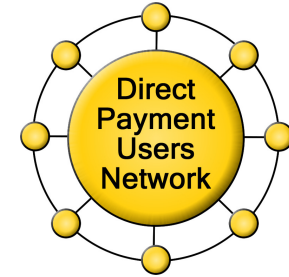
These meetings are a great opportunity to get together with others who have used the service for varying lengths of time. All of us share common interests, beliefs and aims. We meet up to give each other support and informal advice. We start at 10.30 a.m. with a closed informal session for Cash Payment Users only. Then, at 11.30 a.m. we have an advisory session from one of the support services e.g. ILA Essex (Independent Living Advocacy) or Essex PASS (Personal Assistant Support Service). This is followed by lunch (where an advocate is always available for help and advice.) A formal meeting follows at 1.00 p.m. with representatives from Essex County Council, and invited officers from other organisations associated with Cash Payments. People who want to know more about Direct Payments and Personal Budgets, can come along to this group to meet others who are already Users of these services.

**A buffet lunch will be provided.**

**ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES will be paid on the DAY**

**Want More information?  
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