

**Connect-Up Oxfordshire – Direct Payment Networking Group**

**Are you a Direct Payment user receiving a Personal Budget from either Social Services or your local NHS?**

**Do you support someone else to manage and use a Direct Payment?**

**Are you a parent or someone with parental responsibility for managing a direct payment on behalf of a child?**

If you have answered yes to any of the questions above you may be interested in attending Connect-Up Oxfordshire, a local networking group for people using Direct Payments.

**What Connect-Up Offers -**

* The opportunity for people to meet other Direct Payment users and improve **knowledge, understanding and confidence** with using Direct Payments to buy care and support services in Oxfordshire
* **Information and advice** in all aspects of using a Direct Payment and Employing Personal Assistants.
* **Training** to become a **Direct Payment Mentor** and share experience and knowledge to help others become more confident using Direct Payments
* **Close working** with both Oxfordshire Country Council and Oxford Health to ensure Connect-Up members can become a voice for Direct Payment users in Oxfordshire and help guide local Direct Payment policy and practice.

**If you’re interested in attending Connect-Up please contact -**

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