Global Standards for Self-Directed Support

Global Standards are expectations for everyone to follow, anywhere in the world.

Self-directed support means that I control:

- Who supports me
- How I am supported
- What I do
- When I do it

I have choice, control and freedom when these standards are followed.
The Global Standards

1. Money
I choose how to spend the money for my support.

2. Decisions
I am the decision-maker. I can get help with making decisions.

3. Education
Teach me about self-directed support, and what it means.

4. Information
Make sure everyone gets clear information about self-directed support.
It must be available in a range of languages. It must respect all cultures and backgrounds.

5. Administration
Planning and organising my support should be as easy as possible.
6. Planning
Use person-centred planning to help me shape my own future.

7. Organising
Help me to hire and manage staff, and look after my budget. This help should be free.

8. Family and friends
Give my family and friends the information they need to support me.

9. Staff
Treat support staff fairly and with respect. Pay them properly.

10. Help
Help me to find out what I am entitled to, and how to get support.

This help could be given by people with lived experience.
11. Fairness
The amount of money I get for my support should be fair. It should be based on my plans and needs.

12. Location
If I move to a new area, I should still get the same amount of support.

13. Advocacy
Give me independent Advocacy to help me get my rights, to make decisions, and be protected from abuse.

14. Control
I control my care and support. I can choose how much of my support is self-directed.

15. Quality
Make sure my support is good quality. This means I get the life I want, and the support I need.
16. Equity
Everybody should be offered self-directed support: people of every gender, disability, ethnic background, sexuality or religious belief.

17. Trust
Trust me. Involve me in decisions about how the support system works.

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