My Support Money

This document explains how **My Support Money** is managed and used. It is an agreement between **[Your Name]** and **[Service Provider Name]**.

About This Agreement

- Your Name: [Your Name]
- Your Address: [Your Address]
- Service Provider: [Service Provider Name]
- Service Provider Address: [Service Provider Address]

Start Date: [When the support starts]

What Is This Agreement About?

This agreement is about how [Your Name] will receive support using the money given for care, known as **Direct Payments**.

[Service Provider Name] will help you with this support.

What Support Will You Get?

- Days: You will get 14 hours of one-to-one support every day.
- Nights: You will also get 10 hours of night-time support.

[Service Provider Name] will arrange for Personal Assistants (PAs) to help you during these hours.

Your support might change sometimes, and [Service Provider Name] will work with you and your family to make these changes.

Holidays

- When You Go on Holiday: If you don't need support during a holiday, you need to tell [Service Provider Name] one month before. This way, you won't be charged for those hours.
- When You Need Support During Holidays: If you need your PA to join you on holiday, they can. But [Service Provider Name] will not pay for extra costs like hotels or travel.

Emergencies

- Emergency Help: Sometimes, things might happen that need quick help. [Service Provider Name] will have someone on-call during evenings and weekends for emergencies.
- What to Do in Emergencies: If something happens, your PA will call the emergency number. They will also fill out a form and tell [Service Provider Name] as soon as possible.

How Will Your Support Be Managed?

- Support Plans: [Service Provider Name] will follow your support plans to make sure you get the help you need.
- Keeping Track: Your PAs will use an app to keep notes about your day. This helps everyone know how you are doing.
- Medicines: Your PA will help you take your medicine.
 [Service Provider Name] will make sure you get your prescriptions in time.

Hiring Personal Assistants (PAs)

- Choosing PAs: You can help choose who your PA will be. [Service Provider Name] will talk to you about any concerns with your PAs.
- PA Responsibilities: PAs are responsible for their jobs.
 [Service Provider Name] will manage things like lateness or sick days.
- PA Training: [Service Provider Name] will make sure your PAs are trained to help you safely.

How Your Money Is Managed

- Direct Payments: This is money you get to pay for your care.
- Monthly Invoices: [Service Provider Name] will send you a bill each month for the care they provided.
- Extra Costs: If you want to do extra activities, you will need to check with [Service Provider Name] at least two weeks before to make sure the costs are covered.

Insurance and Safety

- Insurance: [Service Provider Name] makes sure all staff have the right insurance.
- Safety Checks: All staff must have a police check (DBS) before working with you.

Equipment for PAs

• **Devices:** [Service Provider Name] will provide your PAs with a phone and computer to help them do their job.

- Money Cards: You will have two debit cards. One for your personal spending and one for things like shopping and activities. Your PA will help you budget.
- **Travel:** Your PA will use an Oyster Card for travel when helping you. You will use your Freedom Pass.

What Happens in Case of Problems?

 Reporting Problems: If anything goes wrong, it will be reported on the app. [Service Provider Name] will also talk with you and your family to make a plan within 48 hours.

Meetings

• Regular Updates: There will be regular meetings to check how things are going and make improvements.

Confidentiality

- Keeping Information Private: [Service Provider Name] will keep all your personal information safe and private.
- Data Protection: [Service Provider Name] follows the rules to keep your data secure.

Payment Details

- Day Rate: £[Amount] per day for care.
- Invoice: [Service Provider Name] will send you a bill every month. You have 14 days to pay it.

 Changes in Costs: If costs need to change, [Service Provider Name] will discuss this with you 3 months in advance.

Ending the Agreement

- Notice: If you or [Service Provider Name] want to end this agreement, you need to give 3 months' notice.
- **Transition:** This will give time to find new support and make sure everything is handed over properly.

Agreed and Signed By

Your Signature:

• Name: [Your Name]

• Date: [Date]

Service Provider Signature:

• Name: [Service Provider Representative Name]

• Date: [Date]