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DRT & Self Directed Payments  
Squaring the Circle?



# DRT & SELF DIRECTED PAYMENTS INCOMPATIBLE?

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## CONTEXT

- COUNCIL RUN DRT – WHAT IS IT?
  - “a more flexible form of travel which matches the service more closely to the customers' needs”  
[www.drtbus.co.uk](http://www.drtbus.co.uk)

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## CONTEXT

- SELF DIRECTED CARE PAYMENTS –  
WHAT ARE THEY?

Direct payments are money your social work department can give you to buy the support you need to live at home and maximise your independence. You get this instead of a service that they might normally give you, such as home help or a day service. You spend the money on getting the support you need.

[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

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## CHALLENGES

### DRT

- DRT FUNDING TO GAE
- FIGHT TO RING-FENCE
- OPPORTUNITY COST
- NATIONAL POLITICAL SUPPORT?
- LOCAL POLITICAL SUPPORT?

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## CHALLENGES

### SELF DIRECTED PAYMENTS

- LOW TAKE-UP
- EMPLOYER STATUS
- NATIONAL POLITICAL SUPPORT?
- LOCAL POLITICAL SUPPORT?
- FIXED COSTS

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## FIXED COSTS – EXAMPLE



- DAY CENTRE RUN: 10 PEOPLE COSTS £5,000 pa (£4,500 Fixed, £500 Variable)
- 2 TAKE SDP @ £500 EACH (£5,000/10)
- REMAINING BUDGET £4,000
- REMAINING FIXED COSTS £4,500 VARIABLE COSTS (8x£50) = £400
- OVERSPEND £900 – multiply by number of runs!

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## SOLVING THE COMPATABILITY CONUNDRUM?

- SMALLER VEHICLES (LOWER FIXED COSTS)
- BIGGER PUSH FOR SDP – SHIFT THE BALANCE THOUGH LA STILL THE PROVIDER OF LAST RESORT



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## SOLVING THE COMPATABILITY CONUNDRUM?

- 'SWEAT THE ASSETS'
  - TELEMATICS/TRACKING
  - GIS/ROUTE SCHEDULING
  - SHARED SERVICES
  - VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
  - EXTERNAL USERS – HIRE SERVICE

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## *SOLVING THE COMPATABILITY* *CONUNDRUM?*

- RAISE THE QUALITY – WHY WOULD WE WANT SDP?
- CHANGE THE FLEET/COLOUR/STYLE

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**DISCUSS!**

# THE SOLUTION

