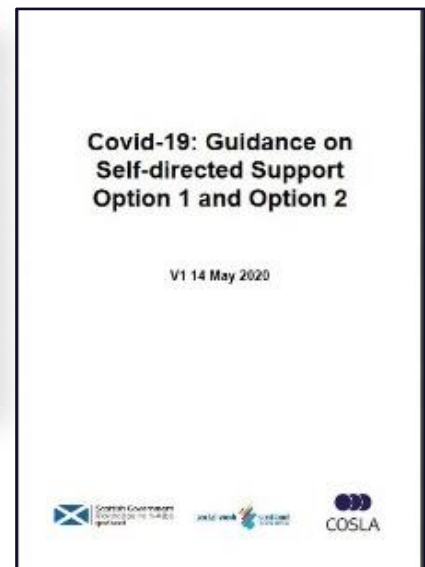
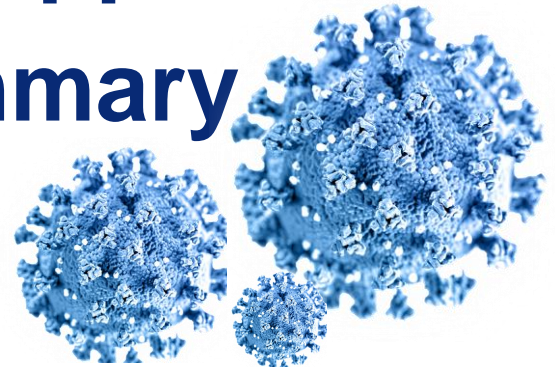


# Scottish Government & COSLA Self-Directed Support Guidance Summary



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# Summary of Coronavirus Guidance

## Self-directed Support

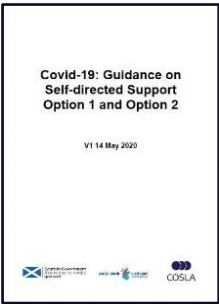


The Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) have jointly issued guidance about Options 1 and Option 2 of self-directed support for the period of the Covid 19 pandemic.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

To accompany the guidance, Social Work Scotland have developed a Frequently Asked Questions document which answers questions which are relevant to people directing their own support using Option 1 and Option 2.



The guidance and frequently asked questions state that it is critical that social care support is maintained with minimal disruption during the pandemic both for people already accessing support and for people needing support for the first time.

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**In order to do this, the guidance covers several aspects of self-directed support:**



- Maintaining existing care and support, including a commitment to meet reasonable additional costs to do this incurred by integrated authorities as a result of the pandemic
- Maximising flexibility, including using budgets in new and different ways to achieve outcomes
- Consideration of employing family members on a temporary basis where this is now the best way to access support
- Reassuring people that unavoidable changes to their care and support are temporary
- Minimising bureaucracy and administrative processes to speed up decisions
- Ensuring fairness and equity for people working as personal assistants under Option 1; and flexible arrangements for making best use of the workforce, including arrangements when a personal assistant is shielding or isolating themselves
- Access to Personal Protective Equipment
- Ensuring people can continue to consider the best self-directed option for their support during the pandemic

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This document is only intended to provide a summary outline of what is included in the guidance and Frequently Asked Questions.

For more information:

You can find the Frequently Asked Questions here:

<https://socialworkscotland.org/briefings/faqs-for-sds-option-1-and-2/>

You can find the full guidance here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-self-directed-support/>

You can find out where to access independent information, advice and support about self-directed support in your area here:

<https://www.sdsscotland.org.uk/>

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