

Case Study Mr P Practice Example of Direct Payments

Description of case and situation
<p>Mr P had a diagnosis of Pick's disease and displayed many of the characteristics of the illness. He had no sense of social etiquette and boundaries and reacted on his feelings, for example if he saw sweets he would cram them in his mouth not knowing when to stop, usually until they were all gone. His wife gave up her job with the local council as she could no longer continue with that and cope with the stresses of caring for her husband. Mr P needed 24 hour supervision.</p> <p>Mr P could also present as very agitated, banging repetitively and loudly on the tables etc which was concerning for others who were not able to understand the meaning behind his behaviour. Therefore it could be misinterpreted as aggression and intimidating to others. The local Young Onset Day service he received were finding his behaviour challenging at times and requiring one to one care for most of the time, in order to reduce further isolation from the group.</p>
Support/Services/Equipment put in place
<p>A package of support was identified and commissioned to meet his needs as follows:</p> <p>23.5 hours per week Independent Living Fund provided as a direct payment.</p> <p>The Local Authority funded 10 Hours Direct Payment a week and two day a week at a specialist LA day centre. The family managed the support package on Mr P's behalf.</p> <p>Mr P's Wife also has a 'one off' Carers Direct Payment to enable her to fund breaks for herself.</p>
Outcomes achieved for the service user and/or family and friends
<p>Mrs P able to return to work in a part time post. Mrs P cared for her husband at home until his death earlier this year. He did not go into hospital or residential care and when he presented with challenging behaviours those that knew him well worked alongside him to support him through the very different phases of his illness.</p>