Self Directed Support Forum East Renfrewshire

Bulletin November 2026

Helping you take control of your Self-Directed Support



Back by popular demand!

Whether you're thinking about your own future, planning ahead for your child with additional support needs, or supporting someone you care about, Power of Attorney and Guardianship are important things to understand.

They can help ensure that a person's wishes, views, choices and rights are represented when they need support with decision-making.

Our next Sessions are:

- November 19th and 26th online 6.30 till 8pm.
- December 3rd @ Foundry Barrhead 5.30pm till 8pm.
- December 10th @ Sandlers Cottage, Eastwood Park 5.30pm till 8pm

These last two sessions will be free 20 mins in person slots with the solicitor. They are limited so priority will be given to those who also attend one of the online sessions.

To secure a place and/or for the online links please contact us.

National Personal Assistant (PA) Day on Friday 13 November 2026.

This year's theme is "Strengthen our Impact", recognising the vital contribution of Personal Assistants and PA Employers, and highlighting how working together can help improve support, opportunities and outcomes for both.

We have just had a series of flyers and leaflets printed. We can provide information and advice on hiring Personal Assistants and much more. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

For more information about the day itself please click here: [National PA Day – Call for People and Organisations to Take Part]



SDS Forum Communication Focus Group
Tuesday November 10th @ 6.30pm till 8pm on Zoom

We will be meeting up again on November 10th to continue conversations around improving information and communication for all involved with SDS.

The notes from our last group meeting on September 1st are available to view on our website. Just click here - **SDS Forum Communication Focus Group Notes September 1st**

We can also email them to you if you prefer. If you would like to attend on the 10th please let us know and we will send you the agenda and Zoom link.

Thank you for Helping Us

Our Scottish Government funding is due for renewal in March 2027 and we have been pulling together an evaluation of the work we've delivered and the impact we've had over the past three years. This is to help us demonstrate the value of our services and provide evidence to support our application for continued funding beyond March 2027.

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent evaluation form. We have been granted a one year extension to our funding. The feedback was very much appreciated. It is available to view on our website by clicking on this link: SDS-Forum-Evaluation-October-2026.docx



Take advantage of our Budget Management Service

If you have an Option 1 payment we can support you by managing your funds on your behalf.
This is known as our **Brokerage Service** and it**:**

- Keeps you in control of the support you choose
- Ensures providers are paid correctly/on time
- Gives you more time to focus on your care and support
- Takes away the stress of managing payments

We have been providing this service for the past 5 years free of charge. However we do not receive any funding to cover this cost and the service continues to grow.

To ensure we can continue to offer this valuable support we will need to introduce a small administration charge from 1 January 2027.

If you would like to find out more about this service and/or the new charge please contact us.

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