



Cornerstone SDS

Aberdeenshire

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Option 4 Explained

**your choice
your support
your way**

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What is Option 4?

Option 4 is more commonly referred to as a **mixed budget**.



A mixed budget is a mix of options 1,2 and 3. This allows you to choose the elements you want to control and leave others to the council.

How would a mixed budget benefit me?

A mixed budget is a good option if you are happy with some of the services your council can provide, but would like more control over setting up other services that suit you or your lifestyle.

Your Cornerstone SDS Advisor will help you plan what elements of your support needs can best be met through your mixed budget.



Can I have more control over my support?

At any time you can ask to have more control if you are not happy with the choice you have made. To do this, you have to tell your council support worker, who will then arrange for a review of your support.

What is a review and what happens?

To make sure you are getting the best possible support, the council will arrange reviews of your care once a year.

The council will also review your care if you have indicated that you are not happy with your care, or if your support needs have changed.

At the review, you will be asked about what is important to you and your lifestyle. You will also be asked about what role you want to play in choosing and controlling your support.

If you want to move to Self-Directed Support, a review can be requested to help move you onto this new system.