

# New right to control

## **RADAR**

### **Royal Association for Disability Rights**

# Shifting power

- Changing forever the relationship between the State and the individual
- Not consulted or involved: in control



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- Learning from individual budgets: fishing, driving, music, work...
- Those receiving IB more likely to feel in control of daily lives
- Beyond physical impairment. Inequalities between disabled people (Hills review). Highest quality of life – mental health service users. Greatest day to day control – learning disabled people (and PSA 16, Perkins Review..)
- Right to control: Welfare Reform Act 2009

# The right to control

- In charge of deciding how support needs can best be met.
- Informed. Deciding. Choosing. Agreeing outcomes (in line with funding streams). Choice and control over support you receive and how
- Funding streams: Access to Work. Work Choice. ILF. DFG. Non-statutory housing support
- Aligned with adult community care and equipment
- 8 Trailblazers: announcements imminent

# Trailblazers will

- Promote active citizenship and economic and social participation – 8 areas, 3-4000 service users (at least include new customers).
- Test the most effective ways of delivering choice and control to diverse disabled people. Work in co-production
- Make direct payments, or arrange services, or both
- Link: advocacy, information and imaginative peer support
- Improve experience, outcomes, delivery, effective/ streamlined services. Learn: barriers, different contracts and funding, how they can be overcome. Evaluation

# Priorities

- RADAR event >100 people living with health conditions/ disabilities plus commissioners and providers
- ‘People’s lives can’t be split up into segments which suit government departments’ (provider)
- ‘A one stop shop for empowerment – seize the moment’ (mental health service user)
- ‘A passport to active citizenship’, ‘restoring my right as a human being’. ‘Bring it on’ (disabled people)
- Stories of beds, wheelchairs and floating support

# A few of the challenges

- Block contracts. Pricing
- Advocacy and information
- Risk
- How can providers offer full information and advice?
- Who are disabled people?
- Which bits of the service do they 'control'?

# A few responses

- Trailblazers will work through the complexities of moving from block contract to managed market
- Parliament debate on advocacy, alignment, real right to control
- Proportionate risk and telephones
- Advice and signposting
- Eligible disabled people: receiving services to overcome barriers linked to health condition or disability

# The future



# Finally

- RADAR leadership programme
- All Party Parliamentary Group on Disability
- [www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk)
- Lights Camera Action
- Doing Seniority Differently
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