

PRESS RELEASE

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New directory gives carers seal of approval

People in Bassetlaw who need social care and support are being urged to use a new directory of reliable paid workers.

Support With Confidence, which has been set up by Nottinghamshire County Council, is a web-based directory of potential employees who can help older and disabled people with things like:

- getting them out of bed, washed and dressed
- taking them out for trips e.g. the pub or theatre
- walking people's dogs
- helping out with shopping, housework or the garden.

Everyone on the directory has received training and has been checked by the County Council.

People who receive a personal budget for their social care can then select who they want from the directory to provide a particular service. They will then interview that person and, if they are happy, offer them the job.

Councillor Kevin Rostance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, said: "More and more people are now receiving personal budgets, which means they can manage their own social care. This is fantastic and it gives people real choice and control over which services they have and who helps them.

"Support With Confidence gives people the reassurance that these carers are reliable, so we would urge anyone who is thinking of hiring a personal assistant to use this scheme."

To find out more about Support With Confidence and to use the directory phone 08449 80 80 80 or visit:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/supportwithconfidence

Personal budgets are given to people who are eligible for long term social care support by the County Council. They have an assessment with a social care worker, where they decide how they wish to spend their money to best meet their needs.

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