

## **DIRECT PAYMENTS AND CARERS**

From November 2007 there will be some new funding for carer direct payments for carers of all adults. Carer Direct Payments may only be provided for the direct use/benefit of the carer. This new money held can therefore not be used for Residential or Nursing or home care services. It can be used for anything that is for carers themselves - (including young carers looking after adults) eg:

- ◆ family holidays
- ◆ funding for fees for vocational training / life long learning
- ◆ costs of leisure activities eg membership of a health club or golf course
- ◆ equipment that will help the carer eg a lap top that helps a carer study
- ◆ help for young carers to do their homework
- ◆ anything which from the carers point of view gives "something for me"

If you would like more information about direct payments for carers or think you may qualify for one you can;

Contact the person you care for's Care Manager if they have one

Ring ESCSA on 01883 745057

Ring the Contact Centre at Surrey County Council on 08456 009 009

### **USEFUL REFERENCES**

A "Carers Breaks Directory" is available on line and is a useful source of information about breaks services

<http://www.carersnet.org.uk/takingabreak/tbintro.html>

Action for Carers and Employment on 01483 565874 can advise on use of direct payments to help support carers in relation to training and work

<http://www.carersnet.org.uk/ace/ace.html>