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<b>Programme's name:</b>	<b>Right to Control: giving disabled users more choice and control over the support they receive</b>
<u>Organisation / Country:</u>	Manchester Area Partnership (MAP), United Kingdom
<u>Online resources</u>	Website: <a href="#">here</a> <i>Legacy and Sustainability Report: Right to Control Trailblazer</i> ( <a href="#">here</a> )
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<p><u>Summary:</u></p>	<p>The Right to Control (RtC) was a pilot programme tested in seven 'trailblazer' areas in England from April 2011 to December 2013. It was based on the concept of personalised services by giving disabled people a legal right on how to exercise choice and control over six specific funding streams.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>disabled adults living within one of the five local authorities (Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Stockport and Trafford Councils), and</li> <li>people who receive support from one or more of these services: access to work; work choice; adult social care; disabled facilities grant; the independent living fund; supporting people.</li> </ul> <p>The Office for Disability Issues (ODI - part of the Department for Work and Pensions) has established the Manchester Area Partnership (MAP) Trailblazer with the acknowledgement that disabled people are the experts in their own lives and are best placed to decide what support they need. The MAP includes also the Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People, Breakthrough UK, Jobcentre Plus and the Independent Living Fund (ILF).</p> <p>"My job, my choice" was an innovative supported employment project implemented under the Right to Control Manchester Area Partnership by Stockport Council from April 2012 to March 2013. It constituted a personalised programme aiming to support 30 people with different forms and degrees of disability in their transition into paid work of over 16 hours per week.</p>
<p><u>Issues:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner agencies had to work more closely together, joined up processes, removed duplication and shared information on customers.</li> <li>Burdensome bureaucracy for customers in dealing with several funding bodies.</li> </ul>

<u>Resources:</u>	<p>The Right to Control trailblazer was grant-funded by the Office for Disability Issues. The funding totals £800,000. Manchester City Council is holding the budget on behalf of all the partner agencies.</p> <p>“My job, my choice” project: Mixture of joint commissioning and personal budgets. Total budget of £75,000 to support 30 people.</p>
<u>Objectives:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing disabled customers to exercise greater choice and control over their own life and the support they receive</li> <li>• Contributing to improving disabled people’s life chances and opportunities to live independently and meet their outcomes</li> <li>• Encouraging the use of individual budgets to fund specialist employment support for disabled people.</li> </ul>
<u>Outcomes:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pooling of various funding streams that support people with disabilities</li> <li>• Establishing a coordinated approach across agencies</li> <li>• Achieving higher efficiency through cost reduction</li> <li>• Better involvement &amp; empowerment of disabled people</li> </ul>
<u>Evaluation:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An evaluation was being conducted. “My job, my choice” – BASE (the British Association for Supported Employment) supported commissioners in monitoring quality and outcomes.</li> <li>• Regular progress monitoring and widespread dissemination of the project’s outcomes.</li> </ul>