How will the Personal Budget be received?

If you have chosen the option of Direct Payments or a mixed package, money for the child or young person will be loaded onto a prepayment card.

What is a Prepayment Card?

- A prepayment card is an alternative to a bank card. You can purchase goods and services in line with your support plan using your pre-paid card.
- Oldham Council will set up the pre-paid card and will reload it every four weeks.
- The card can be used to purchase goods or services either face to face in shops, by telephone, on-line anywhere that accepts MasterCard.
- You can make payments via standing order or Direct Debit via an online card account.
- You cannot go overdrawn or withdraw cash from your prepayment card.

A pre-payment card would NOT be used in a budget from Health.

Other options:-

If the child or young person is accessing Council run services then the agreed amount will be deducted from their total allocation before a payment is made.

If you do not wish to manage yours or your child’s Personal Budget or you have had problems using the money in the past, you may make payments to someone who is willing to look after your child’s money on your behalf and take care of all the bills.

Payments for support in managing the budget will come from your child’s or the young persons overall Personal Budget.

Useful Links and Documents:-