Personal Budgets for Children and Young People

August 2015
Introduction

- From April 2014 any child or young person receiving NHS funded Continuing Healthcare had the right to ask for a Personal Health Budget, and now has the right to have a Personal Health Budget.

- This right to request a Personal Budget was also extended to children and young people with an Education, Health and Social Care Plan or their parents under the Children and Families Bill 2014 (Clause 48) with effect from September 2014.

- Direct Payments are already offered for some Social Care Support services.
Scope

Element 3 Top Up Funding

NHS Continuing Care

Social Care Direct Payments

Personal Budget

Notional
The LA retains management of the funds and commissions the support specified in the EHC Plan

Third Party
The funds are paid to a third party to manage on behalf of the parents or young person

Direct Payments
The funds are paid to the parent/ young person directly and they buy the specified provision in the EHC Plan

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# The Process

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<td>Week 12</td>
<td><strong>Draft Education Health Care Plan</strong></td>
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<td>Parents and/or young person has requested a personal budget</td>
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<td>Week 14</td>
<td><strong>Indicative Budget Confirmed</strong></td>
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<td>By Week 16</td>
<td><strong>Broker to contact parents and young person</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Brokerage meeting(s) to develop plan of provision</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Submitted to panel for sign off</strong></td>
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<td>Education Health Care Plan finalised</td>
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<td><strong>Broker to inform parents of outcome</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Personal budgets agreement signed</strong></td>
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<td>By Week 20</td>
<td>Implementation</td>
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<td>By Week 24</td>
<td><strong>Broker to review arrangements with parents and young person</strong></td>
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<td>Local authority or CCG to review arrangements</td>
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Eligibility

Does the use of Personal Budget:

- Improve the individual outcomes for the child or young person?
- Support the individual to access education and learn?
- Manage the health needs of the individual?
- Is there an evidence base supporting the provision?
- Is the provision delivered by a suitably qualified person(s)?
- **Is there a contingency plan?**
- Can the provision be delivered via the Local Offer?
Requirements

- The child/young person has to agree
- **Any provision intended to be delivered in a school must have agreement from the Head teacher**
- The CCG has to agree the healthcare provision will meet the needs
- The provision must be registered with the appropriate professional body
- Take full responsibility for employing staff and all liabilities including registration with HM Revenue and Customs
- Keep a separate bank account and accurate financial accounts for auditing
- Repay any unused monies or over payments
- Not exceed the defined budget
Further Information

- Guide for Parents and Carers
- Guide for Professionals
- Eligibility Criteria
- Personal Budget Agreement