

Personal Budgets Factsheet

What is a Personal Budget?

A Personal Budget is an amount of money identified to deliver the outcomes detailed in an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. This may include funding for special educational, health and social care provision.

Did you know that Indicative Budgets (IB), Personal Budgets (PB) and Direct Payments (DP) are different?

Indicative Budget - an estimate of the funding you may be entitled to. The final allocation could be more or less than this.

Personal Budget - the agreed funding you are entitled to for your care needs.

Direct Payment - just one way in which you may receive the funds.

Why should I request a Personal Budget?

- You will know how much things cost.
- You will have more control in deciding the best and appropriate support.
- You can tailor your own unique package of care.
- You decide how your/your child's Personal Budget is looked after.

How is it paid?

Your Personal Budget can be paid in different ways:

- Direct Payment - you receive the money direct to arrange your own support as agreed in your EHC/support plan.
- Notional - The Local Authority or Clinical Commissioning Group will commission services for you.
- Third Party - You can request a third party such as a broker to manage your support for you.
- Combination - It is possible to have a mix of the above.

How do I get one?

If you are eligible for an EHC plan or social care support you can ask your support worker for more information.

Further information:

Visit Stockport Family Information Hub at www.stockportinfo.co.uk - select 'Disability and SEN - local offer' to access a wealth of information and support including a user friendly version of our Personal Budgets policy which includes FAQs and useful contacts.

If you cannot find what you need on the website call or email:

General Enquiries:	Children with Disabilities Partnership Email: cypdisp@nhs.net Tel: 0161 426 5216
SEN:	Special Educational Needs Team Email: specialeducation@stockport.gov.uk Tel: 0161 474 2525
Children's Social Care:	Children's Disability Team Email: cyp.dissocialcare@stockport.gov.uk Tel: 0161 474 2599
Health:	NHS Continuing & Complex Healthcare Team Email: stoccg.fnc@nhs.net Tel: 0161 426 9585
Adult's Social Care:	Adult Social Care Team Email: asc.referrals@stockport.gov.uk Tel: 0161 217 6029