


PERSONAL BUDGETS

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Policy Statement

This organisation is committed to working with adults and provide high quality of care to all regardless of the funding arrangements in place for their service. We will, where appropriate, assist with any types of funding mechanism and this includes a personal budget.

Care Act 2014

The Act sets out, in detail, how personal budgets are to be extended to include carers, how health personal budgets can be included, explains what they can be used for, and importantly, what services are excluded from use of these budgets. “Personal budgets are a key part of Government’s aspirations for a person – centred care and support system. Independent research shows that where implemented well, personal budgets can improve outcomes and deliver better value for money.” It is the role of the Local Authority to assess and determine the personal budget, the amount to be paid including any contribution from the resident.

The local authority should allow choice of how the budget should be managed e.g. direct payments, local authority managed arrangements or a third party managing the budget on the resident’s behalf an individual Service Fund (ISF) or a combination of these approaches.

Personal Budget Exclusions

Intermediate care and re-enablement services should usually be free, as a universal service under the Act. These services should be part of the care planning process but not included for personal budget purposes.

Future development

Our role, as a provider of services, is to be as flexible and open to developing services which can meet the needs of personal budget holders. We will need to develop and build the systems to enable these flexible services such as itemised invoicing in order to be transparent and contribute to the audit requirements for Personal Budget holders.

Training Statement

All office based staff will be made aware and updated, as local authority guidance is made available to providers.

Related Policies

Direct Payment

Self-Funders

Statutory Guidance Care Act 2014 (Resources Directory) CHAPTER 11