

Where can I get further information, advice or support?

Independent Support

Independent supporters can provide parents, carers and children with the impartial information, help and support on all matters relating to special educational needs. They can also discuss the contents of this leaflet, help you fill in forms, attend meetings with you, etc.

SEN and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service

The SEN and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is available to provide parents/carers of children with special educational needs access to free neutral, impartial information and guidance in relation to special educational needs.

For further details of this service please contact:

KIDS 182 Chanterlands Avenue, Hull, HU5 4DJ

Telephone: 01482 467540

You can also contact the SEN Team at:

SEND Assessment and Review Team

Hull City Council, 79 Lowgate, Hull. HU1 1HP

Telephone: 01482 616007

Other resources

Children and Families Act 2014

SEND Code of Practice 2015

<http://www.kids.org.uk/mip2>



<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/personal-budgets-and-direct-payments>



What is a Personal Budget?

This information is about personal budgets for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

A personal budget is an agreed amount of money identified by the Local Authority to enable you to make your own arrangements for delivering some of the provision set out in an Education Health and Care plan.

There are several ways you can use a personal budget:

- The Local Authority, school or college will look after the Personal Budget for you. This is called an Arrangement or a Notional Budget.
- You can receive money directly to manage all or part of the Personal Budget yourself. This is called a Direct Payment.
- You can nominate another person to manage the Personal Budget for you. This is called a Third Party Arrangement.

You can also have a mixture of some or all of these arrangements.

Who can have a Personal Budget?

Young people* and parents/carers of children who have an EHC plan have the right to request a personal budget, which may contain elements of education, social care and/or health funding. It can be requested either

during the drafting of an EHC plan or once the plan has been issued and is under review.

A child or young person must have an EHC plan to get a Personal Budget for special educational provision. However, you do not need to have an EHC plan to apply for a Personal Budget from Social Care and/or Health care. Applications for Social Care, Health Personal Budgets must be made directly to those services.

The SEND Code of Practice says:

Local authorities must provide information on Personal Budgets as part of the Local Offer. This should include a policy on Personal Budgets that sets out a description of the services across education, health and social care that currently lend themselves to the use of Personal Budgets, how that funding will be made available, and clear and simple statements of eligibility criteria and the decision-making processes.

Hull's Personal Budget Statement and other information about requesting a personal budget can be accessed here:

<http://hull.mylocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pagelid=4310i>

What can a Personal Budget be used for?

Personal Budgets can only be used to fund the outcomes set out in Section E and/or the provision set out in Section F of the EHC plan.

You can find out more about what can be included in a Personal Budget in Sections 9.110 to 9.118 of the SEND Code of Practice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

What is the difference between a Personal Budget and a Direct Payment?

A personal budget shows you what money is available to make some of the provision specified in an EHC plan, and who provides it. The parent or young person does not actually manage the funds directly.

With a direct payment the parent, young person or a person nominated to act for the child/young person receives payments into a bank account to arrange the agreed provision or services.

Direct payments can be used for special educational provision in a school/college only if the Head teacher or Principle agrees to this. Local authorities can refuse a direct payment for special educational provision if it would be detrimental to the provision of services for other children and young people with an EHC plan, or if it would be an inefficient use of resources.

How much will I get if I have Direct Payments?

How much you get will depend on what has been set out in the EHC plan, so it will vary from one person to another. If the Local Authority has agreed to make Direct Payments, these must be sufficient to pay for the service/provision which we have agreed can be provided by a Personal Budget.

Please note that when the Local Authority agrees to make Direct Payments, we will not be liable for arranging the provision which for which the payments are being made for.

*A young person with an EHC plan can ask for their own Personal Budget after the end of the school year in which they become 16, after they have completed Year 11.