

PHB statement

A child or a young person aged up to 18 years of age in receipt of Children's Continuing Care (CCC) or a young person over the age of 18 years in receipt of Continuing Healthcare (CHC) have the legal right to a personal health budget (PHB). A PHB details the support an individual needs to meet their health and wellbeing needs and all children and young people who are eligible for children's continuing care are offered this option. A support plan is devised in partnership with the child, young person and their carers to outline their health outcomes and the support required to achieve them.

Children and young people in receipt of an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan have the option to request a personal health budget for support to meet their health outcomes outlined in their EHC plan. Children and young people in receipt of an EHC plan do not have the legal right to a personal health budget and the CCG can decline the request if existing commissioned services can meet the health needs of the child or young person.

Due to the historic way in which health services have been commissioned, the CCG has to consider how we can give you a PHB whilst ensuring the service or services you have requested are not already commissioned through NHS arrangements to ensure we do not double fund services.

When we receive a PHB request we look at alternative ways of meeting your needs such as; why does the service available not meet your needs i.e. does the service you are requesting have restricted opening hours or delivery locations which means it cannot meet your needs. By working with the provider we can look to improve these elements and meet the needs of the local population in a flexible manner.

As we move forward, routinely review services and through working with our providers we will look at how services are funded and this make agreeing more Personal Health Budget's easier for children and young people who are have an EHC plan.