

Personalising wheelchair services – your chance to influence the process

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Summary

Personal health budgets (PHBs) are one way to give people with long term health conditions and disabilities more choice and control over the money spent on meeting their health and wellbeing needs. It isn't new money, but a different way of spending health funding to meet the needs of an individual.

PHBs were trialled between 2009 and 2012 and the results were overwhelmingly positive. A national survey found that over 70% of those taking part said that having a PHB had a positive impact on their independence. NHS England has set an ambition to greatly expand the take up of PHBs across England by 2020.

Aims and Objectives

This parallel session will cover

- Personal health budgets – an overview
- Vision and strategy for personal health budgets
- Progress to date
- Challenges, to include:
 - Disaggregation of block contracts
 - Wheelchair voucher scheme
- Wheelchair PHB pilot sites update
- Next steps

Background

Personalisation changes the relationship between people and professionals. PHBs also provide an opportunity for individuals to have greater choice and control. The NHS Mandate 2016/17 has set an ambition for the NHS in England to deliver between 50,000 and 100,000 PHBs by 2020, up from the current 4,700. The mandate is clear about significantly improving patient choice and their experience of the NHS.

The NHS Planning Guidance 2016/17- 2020/21 to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) sets out a clear list of national priorities, and requires CCGs to write Sustainability and Improvement Plans (STPs) describing their local vision and ambition, to include an expansion of their local personal health budget offer.

Format

The session will begin with a presentation, followed by discussion to allow an opportunity for delegates to ask questions, and to share any concerns they have about the potential pitfalls for wheelchair pathways should PHBs come on stream in their services.

Resources

Frequently Asked Questions, Personal Health Budgets, NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/healthbudgets/understanding/faqs/>

NHS Mandate 2016/17 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-mandate-2016-to-2017>

NHS Planning Guidance <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/deliver-forward-view/>

Personal Health Budgets, NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/healthbudgets/>