



Personal Budgets

An Overview



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What We Will Cover

- What is a personal budget?
- What does the Act / Code of Practice Say?
- What has SMBC done about it?
- Questions



DfE Definition

'a sum of funding available for children and young people where it is clear they need additional provision above that available to most children and young people through local services.'

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Funding for a Personal Budget

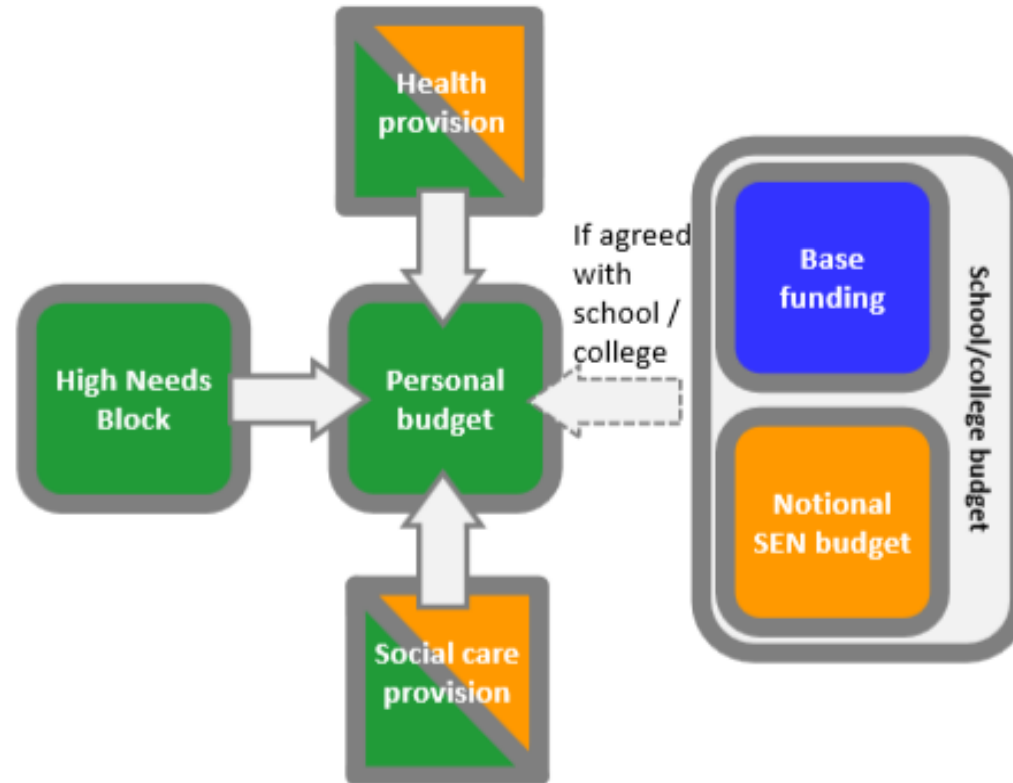


Figure 4: Funding available for a personal budget (DfE and Mott Macdonald, June 2013).



Personal Budget V Direct Payment

Personal Budget

- This is the total amount of funding to meet the additional needs identified in an education, health and care plan.
- This maybe just one element or all three areas, depending on identified need

Direct Payment

- A proportion of the personal budget can be requested as a direct payment to be managed and spent by the family to meet identified needs within the plan
- Not all PB may be suitable for a DP

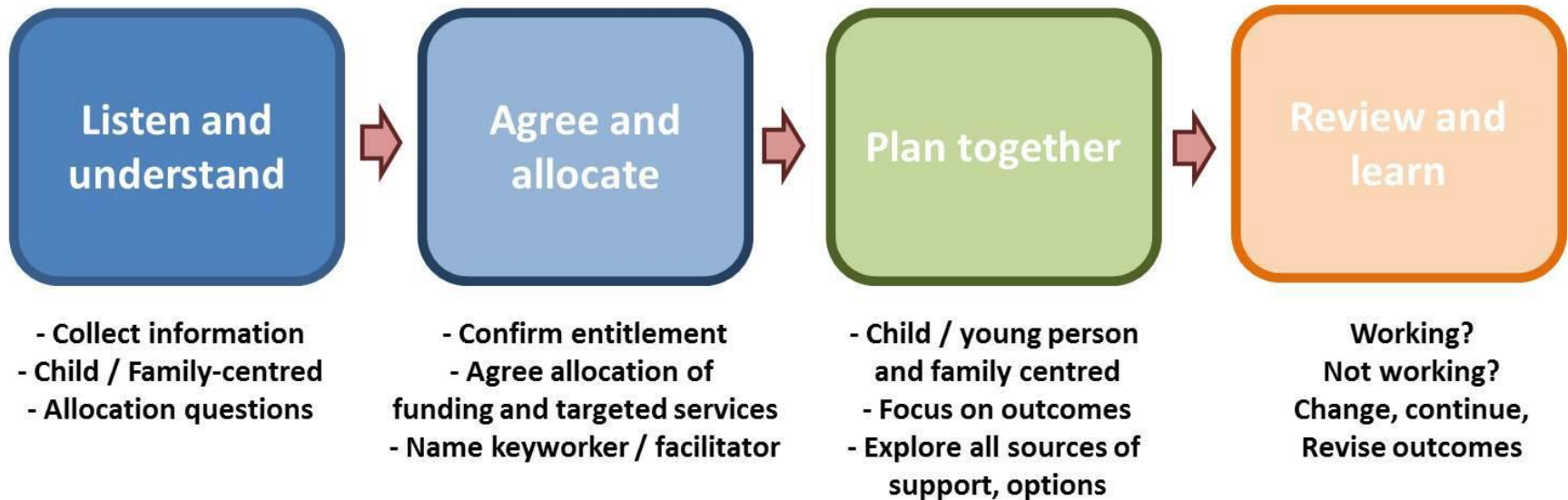


How Can I Manage a Personal Budget ?

- Managed by the local authority 'an organised service' or 'notional arrangement'
- Managed by a provider / VCS on the family's behalf 'an individual service fund'
- Managed by the family as a 'direct payment'
- A mix of these three options



Fitting Personal Budgets into the EHC Planning Pathway



What have SMBC done?

- ✓ Worked in co-production with parents and carers to develop personal budgets in Stockport

The draft policy is available on Stockport's Family Information Hub (our local offer)

[www. Stockportinfo.co.uk](http://www.Stockportinfo.co.uk)



✓ **Identified a range of budgets that can be included in a personal budget / direct payment**

- Schools funding (high needs block)
- Transport budget
- Social care respite budget
- Health's continuing care budget

More budgets will be identified as we continue to implement this programme of work



Section J: Education, Health and Care Plan Resource Sheet

Where there is a personal budget allocated to resource some or all of the needs identified in this plan, the totals must be inserted below. The agreed and signed off support plan outlining the detailed spending plans of the personal budget must also be attached to this plan.

Provision in this plan that is eligible to be provided through a personal budget are:		
<u>Provision</u>	<u>Personal Budget Value</u>	
Education		
Health		
Social Care		
	Total	£

Insert Personal Budget / Direct Payment Support Plan Where Relevant



✓ **Co-produced a support plan and guidance to aid families and young people to plan how best to meet their needs with the funding available**

What the money will be spent on	This is important to me and my family because	Areas in my EHC plan this relates to	How will this be arranged and by who	How much will this cost?	Total cost to 31 st March
Personal Assistant	I need time away from my family to become more independent and I cannot access scouts without some extra support	Social care respite to get out into the community and become more independent	My social worker has put me in contact with XXXXXX. My carer is going to employ them directly through DP for 5 hours per week	£12 per hour	£1440
Home to school Transport	I cannot get to school without transport assistance	I am eligible for home to school transport and need transport to and from school 4 days per week. This arrangement will also offer value for money	My uncle Ted who has a DBS in place will take me school and we are paying him through direct payments at £xxxx	XXXX	XXXXX



Who can request a personal budget?

- Eligible for an EHC plan
- Request during plan preparation or review
- In some circumstances a child or young person may be offered a personal budget for social care or health support without having an EHC plan



What can I spend my personal budget on?

A Personal Budget can be spent on a variety of things which support the child or young persons' EHC and support plan.

The idea of Personal Budgets is to allow funding to be used more imaginatively and give parents, children and young people the opportunity to access support that would suit their own individual needs. Allowing families to be more involved in the decision making processes will create a unique package of care for each individual child or young person's needs as outlined in the EHC plan



A Personal Budget can be spent on anything agreed in the EHC and Support Plan which may include:

- A range of social care, education support & health services
- Access to local community and groups
- Access to a variety of short breaks
- Training
- Personal Care
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Small aids or adaptations
- Personal Assistants

(this is not an exhaustive list!)



Monitoring and Review

- 3 months after first introduced
- 6 monthly (or when substantial change)

- Bank statements
- Receipts
- Wage slips



Any Questions?



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