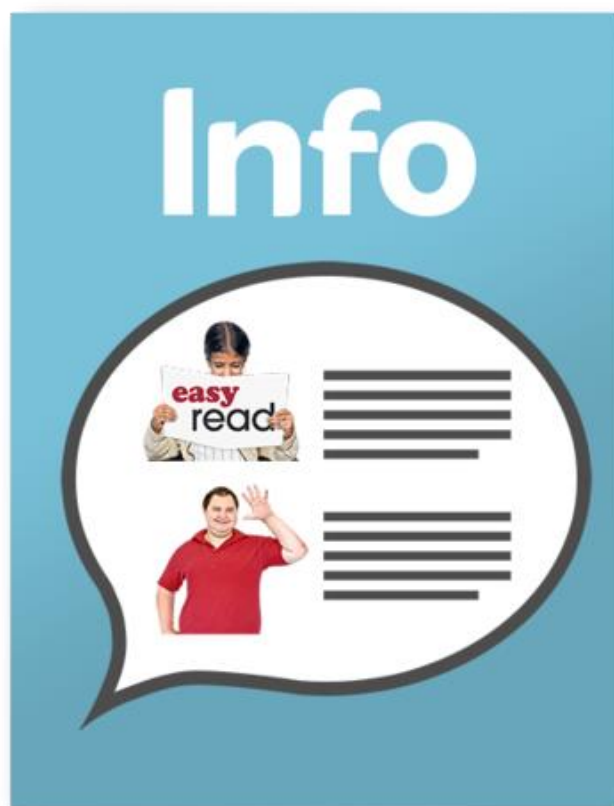







# Personal Budgets and Direct Payments for children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and /or a disability.


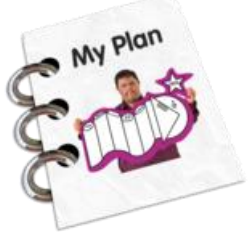


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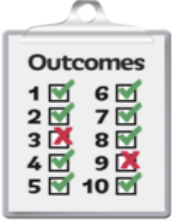







	<h2>What is a personal budget?</h2>
	<p>A personal budget is money set aside for children and young people who need more support than most other children and young people.</p>
	<p>Personal budget money can come from :</p>
	<p>Education</p>
	<p>Health</p>
	<p>Social care</p>

	<h2>Education Personal Budgets</h2>
	<p>You have the <b>right to ask</b> for a personal budget when:</p>
	<p>we ( North Yorkshire County Council) have told you we will be preparing an Education Health Care Plan</p>
	<p>you have a statutory review of an existing Education Health Care Plan</p>
	<h2>Health Personal Budgets</h2>
	<p>Children and young people in receipt of continuing care have a <b>right to have</b> a personal health budget.</p>

	<p>You may also get a personal health budget if you have a long term condition</p>
	<p>Find out more</p> <p>NHS choices website <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx">www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx</a></p>
	<h2>Social Care Personal Budgets</h2>
	<p>If you are eligible for services we (North Yorkshire County Council) <b>must offer you</b> a Personal Budget in the form of a <b>Direct Payment</b> (see page 8)</p>
	<p>The law is the Children and Families Act (2014) and the rules we must follow are from the SEND Code of Practice (2015)</p>
	<p>Having a personal budget will not affect any benefits you receive as it is not classed as additional income.</p>


 <p>A stack of banknotes is shown on a purple circular base with the text "Personal Budget" written on it.</p>	<h2>Why have a Personal Budget?</h2>
 <p>A spiral-bound notebook with the title "My Plan" and an illustration of a person holding a star.</p>	<p>You can plan how your support services are delivered.</p>
 <p>A man in a plaid shirt is pointing upwards, with the word "Goals" written in a stylized font below him.</p>	<p>There is no decision about you without you</p>
 <p>Two people are shown in profile, talking. A thought bubble is positioned above them.</p>	<p>You can be more creative in how your budget is used.</p>






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	<p>Support to join in activities</p>												
	<p>Short breaks</p>												
	<p>Support on work experience</p>												




	<p><b>You cannot use a Personal Budget for:</b></p>
	<p>Anything against the law</p>
	<p>Buying alcohol or tobacco</p>
	<p>Repaying other money you owe</p>
	<p>Buying a place in a school</p>
	<p>Buying private healthcare</p>





	<p><b>You can choose how you want to manage your personal budget</b></p>
	<p><b>A direct payment</b> – you control the money for your services instead of the Council or Health.</p>
	<p><b>An arrangement</b> - you can ask the North Yorkshire County Council, Health or your school or college to control the money for you.</p>
	<p><b>A third party arrangement</b> – where the direct payment is paid to and controlled by someone else on your behalf.</p>
	<p>You can use a combination of these if you want</p>
	<p>You do not have to have a personal budget or a direct payment if you do not want one. It is your choice.</p>






	<h2>Direct Payments from North Yorkshire County Council</h2>
	<p>The council provides direct payments for <b>Education</b> and <b>Social Care</b>.</p>
	<p>You need to show that you can manage the money in the right way on your own or with help</p>
	<p>You must have a separate bank account for the direct payment. If you don't have one it is easy to set one up.</p>
	<p>You need to show that you will spend the money on the right things.</p>
	<p>You need to keep bank statements, invoices and receipts for your Direct Payment money. We will look at these from time to time, this is called monitoring.</p>

	<h2>Help to manage your Direct Payment from North Yorkshire County Council</h2>
	<p>North Yorkshire County Council has a <b>Direct Payment Support Service (DPSS)</b> who can help you set up and manage your direct payment.</p>
<h1>DPSS</h1>	<p>This help includes :</p>
	<p>Information on Direct Payments</p>
	<p>Setting up a bank account</p>
	<p>Employing people</p>

	<p>Finding people to work for you</p>
	<p>Using an agency to support you</p>
	<p>Help with budgeting and paperwork</p>

	<p><b>Information</b></p>
	<p><b>Local Offer website</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23542/SEND--local-offer">http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23542/SEND--local-offer</a></p>
	<p><b>NHS choices Website</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx">www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx</a></p>
	<p><b>Advice and support</b> for young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents and carers.</p> <p><a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25378/SEND--advice-and-support">http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25378/SEND--advice-and-support</a></p>

	<h2>What to do if you want a Personal Budget or Direct Payment</h2>
	<h3>Education</h3> <p>If you are going through an assessment or already have an Education Health Care plan talk to the Assessment and Reviewing Officer (ARO) who is managing the process</p>
	<h3>Social Care</h3> <p>If you already have a social worker or support worker talk to them or contact</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council Customer Resolution Centre on <b>01609 780780</b> or online at</p> <p><a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25905/General-enquiries">http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25905/General-enquiries</a></p>
	<h3>Health</h3> <p>If you have a continuing health care worker talk to them or look on the NHS Choices website</p> <p><a href="http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx">www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx</a></p>



## Notes

This section is for you to write down information that is important to you.

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