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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### You Asked for:

1. How many adults who receive NHS Continuing Healthcare in your clinical commissioning group area had a personal health budget in each of the following years:  
(i) 2013-14 - **4**  
(ii) 2014-15 – **8**  
(iii) 2015-16 – **4 new to date (currently 18 in total supported by broker includes child and a jointly funded case)**

2. Of all adults who are receive NHS Continuing Healthcare in your clinical commissioning group area, what percentage had a personal health budget in each of the following years?  
(i) 2013-14  
(ii) 2014-15  
(iii) 2015-16

**NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not record this.**

3. How many people in your clinical commissioning group area have requested a personal health budget, since the legal right was introduced in October 2014?  
**There have been 3 people that have requested a personal health budget since the legal right was introduced in October 2014.**

4. What percentage of people who requested a personal health budget in that time were accepted?  
**The percentage of people who have requested a personal health budget and have been accepted since October 2014 is 66% (as 1 person who requested a PHB was assessed as not eligible for CHC and therefore did not have the right to a PHB)**

5. What actions did your clinical commissioning group take to inform all those in receipt of NHS Continuing Care of their legal right to a personal health budget, when this was introduced?  
**NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group issued leaflets and held a community event in summer 2014.**

6. What other actions have your clinical commissioning group taken to make people in receipt of NHS Continuing Care aware of personal health budgets?

**NHS Wirral Commissioning Group have carried out information sharing through the assessment process and introduced of statement regarding PHB within the Decision Support Tool.**

7. Since October 2014, are individuals who begin receiving NHS Continuing Care notified of their right to a personal health budget by your clinical commissioning group?

**Please see the answer to question 6.**

8. Please provide copies of any information or guidance issued by your clinical commissioning group since October 2014 to people in receipt of NHS Continuing Care, to make them aware of their legal right to a personal health budget.



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9. How many people who do not receive NHS Continuing Care in your clinical commissioning group area have a personal health budget?

**There are currently none.**

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## What is a Personal Health Budget?

A personal health budget is a sum of money that is allocated to you to meet your assessed health and wellbeing needs.

The money is paid to you by the NHS. It can enable you to have greater choice, control and flexibility over the care that you need.

## How can I receive my budget?

There are three ways to receive your budget:

- 1 A notional budget:** No money changes hands, but you are advised how much your care will cost. A health professional or care manager will organise your care on your behalf.
- 2 A Managed Budget:** An organisation holds the money on your behalf and supports you to plan your care and assist you with buying services.
- 3 A Direct Payment:** You receive and manage the money directly to buy the care and support that you need.

## How do I access the support Service?

You need to:

- Live within the geographical area of Cheshire, Wirral or Warrington
- Receive healthcare funding for complex needs

## What support can I access?

We can:

- Provide ongoing information, advice and support
- Assist you to complete your support plan
- Assist you to get the most from your budget
- Support you to choose how to manage your budget
- Support you to recruit and employ your own Personal Assistants
- Carry out DBS checks (CRB/police checks) with applicants
- Provide you with information about finding a care agency



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# Personal Health Budgets Support Service

## For individuals receiving healthcare funding for complex needs

Supporting you to manage and direct  
your own health care at home

### For Further Information

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