

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make a freedom of information request relating to Personal Health Budget (PHB) recipients. If, as a CCG, you are not responsible for continuing health care (CHC) services in your area I would greatly appreciate confirmation of this in a brief response.

In the interest of clarity, when I refer to PHB recipients, I refer specifically to adults and children (and their families) in receipt of a PHB from the CCG to meet their assessed CHC needs. I will refer to this group as PHB recipients/employers.

To answer this FOI request, please could you provide the following information:

1) How many people are currently receiving PHB across the CCG?

There are currently 40 patients in receipt of PHB

2) How is this split between adult and children PHB recipients?

This split between 36 adults and 4 children

3) Is there a central function that looks after these people or are they split into teams/locations?

The NHS Vale of York CCG CHC team support adults who are eligible for CHC.

The NHS Vale of York CCG currently commissions a Children's Continuing care service through North Yorkshire CCG

4) If there is a central function who is the main contact for this function?

This would depend on the nature of the query.

The CHC team can be contacted on - voycg.continuing-care@nhs.net

The Childrens Continuing Care team can be contacted at - nyccg.childrenscontinuingcare@nhs.net

5) If split into teams or locations who are the people who head up these teams?

Denise Nightingale is the Executive Director responsible for CHC services.

The NHS Vale of York CCG currently commissions a Children's Continuing care service through North Yorkshire CCG

Denise Nightingale still has leadership oversight of funding decisions for children and young people

6) Does the CCG hold a contract for the provision of a support service to people receiving PHB?

Yes

7) If so, who is this contract with?

The CCG commission our Local Authority partners, North Yorkshire County Council, to provide a Direct Payment Support Service who set up other forms of PHB Direct Payment support (e.g. managed accounts and Payroll) on our behalf.

8) If not, does the CCG provide its own support service to people receiving direct payments? (e.g. to provide support for recruitment of Personal Assistants)

9) Does the CCG hold a contract for the provision of payroll services to people receiving direct payments/personal budgets?

No.

10) If so, who is this contract with?

11) If not, does the CCG provide its own payroll service to people receiving PHBs?

No

12) For people PHBs who choose not to manage the payment themselves what provision does the CCG make?

Our PHB offer includes notional, direct payment and third party PHBs.

Where people choose to a direct payment PHB they are supported by the Direct Payment Support Service to discuss with

individuals or their representative their preferences of managing the money. The patient or their representatives may decide to may appoint a Nominee to receive the Direct Payment and there are options available for people to have a third party managed account.

- 13) Can PHB recipients choose to use another organisation to provide the support service and/or payroll service, and fund it from their budget?

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- 14) Does the CCG have a list of approved providers that the employer can choose to use for recruitment and direct payment support? If so, please provide a list of approved providers. What costs are available to the PHB recipient for this?

No.

- 15) Does the Authority consult with disabled people's/user led organisations in the provision of PHB Support and/or payroll services? If so, how often do you consult and who with?

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- 16) With regards to managing a PHB, do PHB recipients/employers have the following options to manage the funds:

a) Managed payroll account with a third party organisation? If so, who provides this?

Yes. The CCG commission our Local Authority partners, North Yorkshire County Council, to provide a Direct Payment Support Service who set up other forms of PHB Direct Payment support (e.g. managed accounts and Payroll) on our behalf.

b) Bank account where the funds are paid directly to the employer into their own separate account?

Yes.

c) Prepaid card account? If so, how many people have a card and how much do prepayment cards cost per PHB recipients?

No.

- 17) Does the CCG set a capped hourly rate for those PHB recipients employing a Personal Assistant (PA)? If so, what is this rate?

No.

- 18) Does the CCG have a capped hourly rate for those PHB recipients contracting with agencies? If so, what are those rates and what are they capped at?

No.

- 19) Is there a capped rate for funding day care and respite? If so, what are these rates?

No

- 20) Does the CCG have block contracts with respite providers? If so, who are these contracts with?

No, not for adults in receipt of CHC

There is a financial arrangement with CYC to jointly fund community short breaks for those children with health needs otherwise no (this however is not dependent on CHC – it's actually just called children's continuing care so CCC)

- 21) What choice are individuals offered in relation to respite provision? Is there a provider list?

For adults in receipt of CHC individuals care preferences is taken into account before brokering a package of care from the CCGs Approved Provider List.

For Children Continuing Care there is a specific group of providers who are experienced in providing children's packages

- 22) Does the CCG have fixed rates for individuals using their PHB for respite? Is this capped, and if so what amount is it

capped at?

No.

If you have any questions about this request or require more details, please let me know.