



Contributing towards your personal budget

If you have a disability or mental health problems and need support to live independently in the community, you may be eligible to receive a personal budget.

The council will help you to identify your needs and will advise you on how to plan, arrange and manage your support.

This fact sheet explains the financial contribution you may have to make towards your personal budget.

Will I have to pay?

The contribution you will be asked to make towards your personal budget, will depend on your income, savings and expenses. When you complete your resident led assessment you will be asked to provide information about your finances.

We will take into account any private or state pensions you receive and other social security benefits including Attendance Allowance and the care component of Disability Living Allowance.

We will take off an amount for your living costs, an amount for expenses related to your disability, allow for certain household expenses and look at how much is left.

We do not count any wages or salary you receive or Mobility Payments, War Widows Supplementary Pension, the value of your home and some other types of income.

If you own any land or property, other than the home you live in, we will take the value of this into account.

Do you take my savings into account?

- Yes we will take account of savings over £14,250. Any savings under this amount will be ignored.
- If you have savings over £23,250 you will not receive a personal budget from the council. You will have to pay the full cost of your support needs.

Do you take my partners income into account?

You don't have to disclose your partner or spouse's income, although by doing so, it may result in a lower charge and/or additional benefits.

What if I am unhappy with the results of the Financial Assessment?

You can request a review of the assessment and we will be happy to explain how we calculated your contribution.

What if I do not want to be financially assessed?

You would be required to pay the full cost of your support needs and would not receive a personal budget.

Other Benefits

The finance team, will also perform a 'benefit check' to ensure that you are receiving all of the benefits that you are entitled to. If you are entitled to more than you are currently receiving, the finance team will ask the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to visit you to help you claim any additional benefits.

How do I pay my contribution?

If the Council is managing your personal budget for you, you will be invoiced and you will need to make payments to us.

If the Council gives you the personal budget in the form of a direct payment you will need to deposit your contribution into a bank account set up specifically for your direct payment.

If you receive your personal budget via a pre-payment card, then we will invoice you and you will need to make the payments to us.

How can I get more information/help?

You can write to us at:

Adult Social Care Finance Team
Community Services
London Borough of Hounslow
Civic Centre
Lampton Road
Hounslow
TW3 4DN

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