

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/139

Subject: Personal Health Budgets; 2021/22

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>In relation to last financial year (21/22) could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which you sanctioned the use of a patient's Personal Health Budget (PHB) to be spent on something that was NOT for the provision of care, medicine, or transport to a place where care or medicine was provided?</p> <p>1) For each of these 20 occasions please state (i) what the money was spent on and (ii) how much money was spent on it and (iii) the outcome the patient was working towards as a result of this spend.</p> <p>Note: What I am after is any capital expenditure which is not immediately apparent as of a medical purpose. So a specialist bed would be medical and I would not want to know about it, but a large screen television for a patient with vision problems would be something that I am interested in, as somebody not familiar with the case would not be able to tell that the set had been bought because of the patient's vision problems. The request covers PHBs for both adults and children.</p>	<p>Prior to 2021/22, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) was involved with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) pilot scheme where the CCG provided PHBs for young people to use specifically for non-traditional items. This pilot is no longer directly managed by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB), formerly the CCG, and is now managed by Bristol City Council and Barnardos. Although the ICB contributes some funding to the programme, it has no oversight of the Personal Health Budgets which are implemented.</p> <p>The ICB would suggest that you contact Bristol City Council directly to request the information: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/council-and-mayor/data-protection-and-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</p> <p>The ICB has identified that the requested information could be found within the core PHBs, which the ICB supports outside of this scheme. However, the requested information is not held in an accessible format, and the ICB has identified that to collate the information each individual PHB file would need to be reviewed. The ICB has calculated that this would take over 18 hours of staff time to extract</p>

	<p>the requested information from the files and therefore has applied Section 12 (The cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit of 18 hours). In this case the ICB has determined that it would take on average 15 minutes to review each file of which there are around 100. This would take a minimum of 25 hours of staff time to complete.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 3 January 2023 and has been approved for release by Michael Richardson, Deputy Director of Nursing and Quality for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.