

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/472

Subject: Young Adults (18-25) with EHCP/Joint Packages

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

QUESTION		RESPONSE
1.	For Q3 2023/24 - Total number of Adults (from 18-25) who have Personal Health Budget with an EHCP in place?	The number of patients is less than 5. As the number of cases is <5, the ICB must consider Data Protection principles when responses may indicate or disclose information relating to health as well as consider whether disclosure of information may allow members of the public to identify individuals. Even though the questions relate to PHBs, the responses may infer health information which is considered special category data under Article 9 of the UK GDPR. The ICB has considered whether disclosure of the information would contravene principle (a): personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to data subjects. The conditions for disclosing this type of data are: explicit consent and whether the data is already in the public domain. The ICB does not have consent to disclose the information and this information is not in the public domain. Therefore, disclosure would contravene principle (a) and the ICB has not disclosed the information.
2.	From the above (1) cases, how many have an Integrated Budget ?	
3.	From the above (2) cases, how many are classified as Direct Payments / 3 rd party / Notional.	
4.	From the above (2), what is the split (%) for Lead Commissioner (i.e. ICB, Local, Authority, etc.).	



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The ICB freedom of information policy outlines the requirement for the ICB to consider whether disclosure of low numbers could make individuals identifiable. In this case, the ICB has considered that patient identity may be realised by the very nature of being eligible for continuing care. The packages of care are highly complex and usually for individuals who are well known within the health and social care sector. FOI responses are made publicly available and the ICB has a duty to consider whether an individual could be identified by anyone, whether this is on a wider public or individual basis.

The ICB also has an obligation to consider the expectations of the individuals involved. The ICB believes that the individuals would not expect details of their individual PHBs to be disclosed to the public.

Some data regarding PHBs is published on the NHS England website Personal Health Budget (PHB) - NHS England Digital

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 27 March 2024 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.