



# Personal budgets

For children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)



## What is a personal budget?

A personal budget is an amount of money given for children and young people who need extra support



The personal budget supports the child or young person to meet the **outcomes** in their **EHC** plan



**outcomes** means the results we want to see

**EHC** stands for Education, Health and Care



## Who can have a personal budget?

You can ask for a personal budget

- when the Council has agreed to make an EHC plan
- during a review of an EHC plan



## What can a personal budget pay for?



Families can ask for personal budgets for

- transport (Education)



- continuing care (Health)



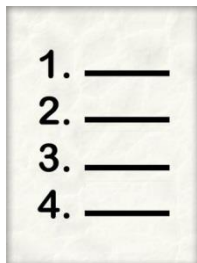
- short breaks (Care)



We are looking into how personal budgets could be used for other services

You can find out more on

[Camden's local offer website](#)



## Who looks after my personal budget?

There are 4 ways to manage your personal budget



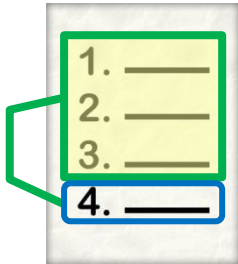
- a direct payment can be paid to a parent or carer (or sometimes to the young person) so they can buy services based on their EHC plan



- a family can ask someone else to manage the money for them



- a family can ask the **Council** or the **NHS** (Camden Clinical Commissioning Group) to manage the money for them



- a family can choose to have a mix of all 3 ways of managing the money



## What's good about having a personal budget?

Having a personal budget can



- give families more choice and control



- help the child or young person get the right support



Personal budgets may not be right for everyone

You can talk about this with your **assessment coordinator** or **keyworker**



## How can I find out more?



- You can visit Camden's local offer website [www.localoffer.camden.gov.uk](http://www.localoffer.camden.gov.uk)

- If your child is going to have an EHC plan, you can speak to your **assessment coordinator** or **keyworker**

- If your child already has an EHC plan, you can

- contact your child's named **Special Educational Needs officer**

- call **020 79 74 65 00**

- email [sen.enquiries@camden.gov.uk](mailto:sen.enquiries@camden.gov.uk)

- You can contact **SENDIASS** who give independent information and advice to parents, carers and young people

You can call them on **020 79 74 62 64**

- You can contact **KIDS Independent Supporters** who provide advice and support to parents, carers and young people

You can call them on **020 72 88 71 75**