



This information is about  
**Personal Budgets**



# What is a Personal Budget?



A Personal Budget is when the places that support you work out how much money they are spending on your support.

For example, they might look at how much it costs to pay for someone to give you extra support at college or someone to help you with speaking or communicating.



You can use a Personal Budget in different ways. Sometimes your parents, the local authority, your school or college can look after your Personal Budget for you.

The local authority is sometimes called 'the council'. They decide how to spend the money for your support.



Sometimes you get the money yourself and work out how you want to spend it on your support.

You will get a plan to say what support you need. You must only use the money for the things in the plan.

## Who can have a Personal Budget?



If you...

- have special education needs. This is when people need some extra help with learning things
- Are aged between 16 and 25 years,

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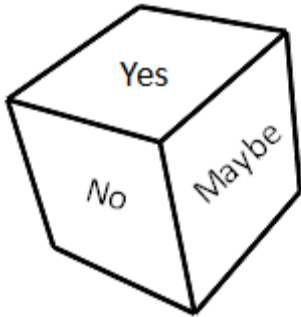
- you are getting an Education, Health and Care plan

....then you can ask for a Personal Budget

You do not have to have one.

It is up to you.





You or your parents can ask for a Personal Budget when your Education, Health and Care plan is being written or is under review, which means it is being checked.

Sometimes the people who run the local authority or the health service will say no. They have to tell you why they cannot give you a Personal Budget.



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If you would like further information, please use the contact details on the back of this leaflet.



Information and advice about special educational needs or disabilities, health, and social care including support on the take up and management of Personal Budgets and how to navigate the Local Offer.

Information and support around welfare benefits, finance, independent living, employment and debt and money management advice is also available.

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