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## Learning disability services and the use of Personal Budgets

### What is a Personal Budget?



A personal budget is money which you will have had a say in how it is spent. It must be used to meet your needs in a way that will help you become as independent as possible.



You may be asked to pay something towards the cost of your support.



The amount of money you get will go up or down as your needs change.

## What is going to happen?



You will be given an Estimated Budget which, from November 2011, will be based on an Overview Assessment.



It is important that the Overview Assessment is completed properly and you are able to have your say about it.



You will be told what your estimated budget is and what needs you have that the money can be spent on. You will have other needs but you must not spend the money on helping with these.



You can then think about how you want to use your personal budget to meet your needs.

If you need information on support planning there is a support planning fact sheet.

## Why are we changing to using the Overview Assessment for people supported by learning disability community teams?



Other community teams have used the Overview Assessment to work out estimated budgets since November 2010.



This has worked well and so it is now being used for people with learning disabilities too.

## For more information



You can ring Care Direct on 0845 1551 007 who will be able to help you more.

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