

Personal Wheelchair Budgets System

A Personal Wheelchair Budget can be spent on a specially adapted wheelchair to meet an individual's care needs. Surrey CCGs*, in conjunction with [NHS England](#), are currently working closely with the current Wheelchair Service providers to develop a Personal Wheelchair Budget offer to shortly replace the current Voucher Scheme.

Personal Wheelchair Budgets are available to those service clients who meet the criteria (attached) to provide a greater choice of wheelchairs.

Under the new system wheelchair users will have three options:

1. Notional Personal Wheelchair Budget (standard NHS provision)

This means the provision of a wheelchair that will meet an individual's identified needs.

2. Notional Personal Wheelchair Budget with contribution

This option allows an individual or another agency (such as a voluntary or charitable organization) to contribute their personal budget towards an NHS wheelchair or add additional features.

3. Third Party Personal Wheelchair Budget

This option allows an individual to use their personal budget as a contribution to buying a wheelchair from an independent retailer outside of the NHS. This is only available if the wheelchair is deemed clinically appropriate following a discussion with a Wheelchair Therapist.

This will not change the way clients are dealt with by the Wheelchair Services, and they will continue to be referred to the service in the usual way but for those who meet the eligibility criteria (attached) it will provide a greater choice of wheelchairs and associated accessories. The attached Patient Information leaflets provide the answers to many frequently asked questions and further information on the options available.

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