

Your Request:

1) I would like to know how many service users have been given a Personal Health Budget 2021/22?

The types of PHBS I would like data in relation to are NHS Continuing Healthcare, Children & Young People's (CYP) Continuing Care, Support CYP with education, health and care plans aligned to Special Educational Needs (SEND).If you are able to advise which

Our Response:

1) Please find listed below the total number of Personal Health Budgets (PHBs) during the 2021/22 financial year in the former NHS Halton CCG area, broken down by the type of PHB provided:

Type of PHB	Total Number in Receipt of PHB in 2021/22
<i>NHS Continuing Healthcare</i>	45
<i>Children's Continuing Healthcare (no EHCP)</i>	4
<i>Children's Continuing Healthcare (with EHCP)</i>	17

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2) How many service users have requested Individual Exceptional Funding Requests in 2021/22? How many were successful?

I wish to have the figure on all Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) received/approved, in regard to the different categories listed in question 1 for the Halton area of the C& M ICB area.

Our Response:

2) Please be advised that PHBs do not go through an Individual Funding Request (IFR). However, all patients who requested a PHB were progressed to one during the 2021/22 financial year in the former NHS Halton CCG area. Please find listed below a breakdown on the newly eligible patients in receipt of a PHB during the 2021/22 financial year in the former NHS Halton CCG area:

Type of PHB	Total Number of Newly Eligible for PHB in 2021/22
<i>NHS Continuing Healthcare</i>	2
<i>Children's Continuing Healthcare (no EHCP)</i>	Nil
<i>Children's Continuing Healthcare (with EHCP)</i>	Nil

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3) How are you proposing to increase access to Personal Health Budgets to improve quality of life for service users who have chronic health conditions 2021/22?

This is in regards to the areas listed above above in question 1.

Our Response:

3) Every person eligible for a PHB in Halton is offered the opportunity to have a PHB. This is communicated by way of literature on PHB eligibility and then followed up in conversations with a person's case manager in the period after eligibility.

Halton also work to ensure there are processes that make it east to access the help and support a person would require to make exercising choice and control easier. For example, access to employer support or choice in agency care.

Your Request:

4a) How can service users get access to recovery plans 2020/21?

4b) If so how many patients have gained a personal budget after completing a recovery plan in 2021/22?

I am aware that their is the opportunity to develop a 'recovery plan' I am referring to those that enable users to recover from long-term health conditions and those relating to CYP following life long learning diagnosis. These should then enable a variety of PHB being available. I would like data on in respect of this? Additionally, 2021/23 information for how service users can get access to recovery plans and the projected offer for the current 2022/23 financial year?

4c) What Merseycare departments complete recovery plans with patients?

As Merseycare are not commissioned in all former CCG areas I would like to have data regarding Halton. NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, should now be offering this service to promote self-care and promote prevention so I require this information for the former Halton CCG area in Cheshire & Merseyside?

Our Response:

4a) Information not held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB. However, further information on recovery plans for adult and CYP patients in Halton are available on the NHS Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust website via: <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/health-and-wellbeing/are-you-service-user/making-recovery-plan>

4b) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information to enable us to identify specifically the number of patients in Halton who obtained a PHB after completing a recovery plan during the 2021/22 financial year.

4c) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on what departments in Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust specifically complete recovery plans with Halton patients. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

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5) How many CYP with neurodivergence have received a personal health budget in 2021/22? Did all neurodivergent CYP have completed EHCP to access a personal budget in both 2020/21 & 2021/22 in the Halton area?

6) How many CYP with ADHD/Autism have a written personalised health and care plan since April 2022 to January 2023?

This relates specifically to just PHBs aligned to Special Educational Needs (SEND) and those with long-term health conditions.

Our Response:

5 - 6) Please be advised that diagnosis categories, such as neurodivergence, ADHD and autism, are not recorded on the database system used to enable us to extract the requested data on the number of CYP with neurodivergence/ADHD/autism who have received a PHB in Halton during the 2021/22 financial year. However, as detailed in the data provided in response to Question 1, PHBs for CYP are provided with and without an EHCP.

Your Request:

7) How many adults with long term conditions who have high rate disability have personalised health and care plans from April 2022 to January?

This relates to the same type of PHBs that are detailed in question one in the Halton C&M. I am asking about those adults who require help and ongoing support with both care and mobility which puts them in the category of requiring health and care support at a nationally recognised need for the 'higher rate disability'?

Our Response:

7) Please be advised that 'higher-rate disability' is not a category recorded on the database system used to enable us to provide you with this data for adult Personal Health Budgets commissioned by the NHS in Halton from April 2022 to January 2023.

Please note that 'high rate' Disability Living Allowance (DLA) as well as personal care budgets are provided by Social Care via the Local Authority (Halton Borough Council). You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Halton Borough Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: hdl@halton.gov.uk

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8) I would also like the names and contact details for the head of the FOI department and whomever is senior communication officer for Cheshire & Merseyside ICB

Our Response:

8) Matthew Cunningham, Associate Director of Corporate Affairs and Governance / Company Secretary is NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's person with overall responsibility for Freedom of Information requests and can be contacted via: foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk. Jonathan Taylor is NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's Head of Communications and Engagement and can be contacted via: enquiries@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk