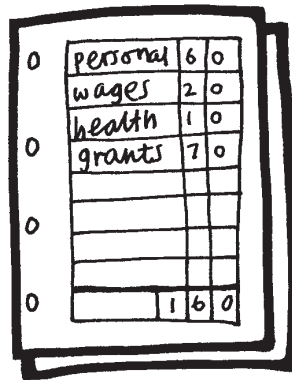


My money

What is the tool?

This tool is important because it helps you think about the money that you have available to plan your life for the next year. It's useful to think about this at least once a year as this fits in with the length of your Personal Budget (most budgets are being allocated for one year at a time and then reviewed).



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How can it help me with my support plan?

This tool helps check that you, and other people who need to know, do know what your Indicative Budget is. This is the budget (money) the Local Authority or Primary Care Trust is saying you are entitled to after you and/or your representatives have completed your Assessment. This is the amount of budget you need to work roughly within to develop your plan. It gives a brief set of questions to help you think about your budget and what you could be using it to pay for and to make sure you and your representatives check that you are receiving the financial support you are entitled to.



How can I use this?

It introduces the idea that a Personal Budget is not the only resource available to you - other financial resources may also be available. You might also find it useful to think about how the resources you don't have to pay for could compliment your plan and help you use your Personal Budget differently.

'My money' helps answer this question: What do I or people that I know bring in terms of financial resources that could help make the changes that I want in my life?

This tool is a series of questions about funding for you to consider. For each question you need to think about:

- Whether or not you have all the information you need about your budget.

- What you need to do to make this funding available to you.
- If any of the people in your networks know about this type of funding and how to gain it.
- If there is something that you're planning for in your life that your budget could be used for.
- What you will do to find out more.
- Whether or not you've thought about other monies you may be entitled to, for example:

Statutory funding

Local Authority or Primary Care Trust/County Council - Personal Budget.

Health Funding.

Equipment and adaptations funding.

Supporting People Funding.

Learning and Skills Council.

Independent Living Fund.

Access to Work.

Personal Benefits - Income Support, DLA, Mobility,

Incapacity.

Other sources of funding

Wages and income.

Money from your family - inheritance.

Trusts that you have set up.

Grants.

Community charitable giving.

Money from your friends.

- What, or who you need, to find out whether you can access other monies like those listed above.
- The actions you need to put in your support plan that will help you to maximize the monies you are entitled to and can access from other sources.