

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-458	3 rd Novemeber 2021
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In relation to the last financial year (2020/21) could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which the health board sanctioned the use of a patient's Personal Health Budget (PHB) – as defined by Continuing NHS Healthcare in Wales – to be spent on something that was NOT for the provision of care, medicine, or transport to a place where care or medicine was provided?

There is no current legislation in Wales to support PHBs. The CHC Framework in use is "Continuing NHS Healthcare – The National Framework for Implementation in Wales (2014)." However, there will be work undertaken to support Direct Payments when the revised CHC Wales Framework is implemented. Direct Payments will be similar to personal health budgets in England.

For each of these 20 occasions please state:

- **what the money was spent on;**
- **how much money was spent on it; and**
- **the outcome the patient was working towards as a result of this spend.**

Not applicable. Please see question one.

Note: What I am after is any capital expenditure which is not immediately apparent as of a medical purpose. So, a specialist bed would be medical and I would not want to know about it, but a large screen television for a patient with vision problems would be something that I am interested in, as somebody not familiar with the case would not be able to tell that the set had been bought because of the patient's vision problems. The request covers PHBs – as defined by Continuing NHS Healthcare in Wales – for both adults and children.

In Wales, CHC for Children is different to the adult framework and is issued as "Children and young people's continuing care guidance"