

Request

- I require the following information under the FOI Act.
- This I needed so I can judge whether the work being placed on citizen holders of Personal Health Budgets is fair and just. I have seen an email to a Personal Health Budget holder that states there has been a spike in fraud referrals in 2020/2021 so the data must be available for them to have stated this.
- For each year the information is available,
 - State year - state whether calendar or financial and if financial, what month it starts
 - Start number of Personal Health Budgets active by the end of the year
 - Start value of Personal Health Budgets active by the end of the year
 - Start number of Personal Health Budgets identified as having any fraudulent activity by the end of the year
 - Start value of Personal Health Budgets identified as any fraudulent activity by the end of the year
 - Start number of Personal Health Budgets identified as having fraud referrals by the end of the year
 - Start value of Personal Health Budgets identified as having fraud referrals by the end of the year
 - Give the method of delivery of the Personal Health Budget
 - Notional Budget
 - Third Party Budget
 - Direct Payment
 - Give the type of Personal Health Budgets (healthcare, wheelchair, end of life, mental health etc)

Response

Please see Attachment 1 for information relating to continuing healthcare PHBs.

The CCG has also arranged PHBs for wheelchairs since 2019. These are dealt with as part of a block contract with the provider of our posture and mobility services. The CCG therefore does not hold the information you requested about PHB values for wheelchair PHBs. The table below gives the information that we have. Please note the data is for the contract year (October to September) rather than the financial year:

PWB	Oct 2019 – Sept 2020	Oct 2020 – July 2021*
Notional - Adults	297	624
Notional - Children	131	297
Notional Plus - Adults	5	5
Notional Plus - Children	**	**
Third Party - Adults	**	**
Third Party - Children	0	**

*The CCG only holds the data up to and including July 2021.

** The specific number is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (personal information), where to release it would contravene the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). In order to comply with GDPR / DPA, disclosure of personal data under the FOIA must be fair (the first data protection principle). Having taken this into

account, the CCG has decided that it would not be fair to release details of exact PHB numbers as this could enable identification of the person(s) concerned due to the small numbers involved (less than 5). This information is therefore exempt under FOIA section 40(2).

The CCG is not aware of any fraudulent activity or referrals relating to PWBs.