

Scheme 3 PHB one off funding summary

This pathway has been developed in alignment with the one off personal health budgets within hospital pathway document <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/C1489-one-off-personal-health-budgets-within-hospital-discharge-pathway-v1.pdf>

The qualifying criteria states that one-off PHB's can be considered where:

- Payment for a good or service would enable early and safe discharge
- The good / service cannot be provided via existing commissioned services or cannot be provided in a timely manner
- The good or service cannot be provided through unpaid care or the voluntary sector or cannot be provided by them without this additional support

If the proposed goods or service meet one or more of the above criteria then the below must be considered:

- The cost of PHB should not exceed £200 (exceptions up to £400 can be considered but must be approved by the CCG prior to processing).
- The good or service must meet an identified need
- Payment for the service will enable earlier discharge by at least two days.
- The budget must be captured and the "scheme 3 PHB funding submission form" must be completed
- PHBs to support the discharge model are one-off rapidly deployed budgets. Timescales, policy and governance requirements mean that employment of PAs through a one-off PHB would not be appropriate. The aim of PHBs to support discharge is to enable care and support by family or unpaid carers to facilitate discharge for up to two weeks.

One off budgets cannot be used for:

- Long-term care needs following completion of a Care Act and/or NHS Continuing Healthcare assessment.
- Social care or NHS Continuing Healthcare packages that are restarted following discharge from hospital at the same level as that already delivered prior to admission to hospital.
- Pre-existing (planned) local authority or CCG expenditure on discharge services.
- The payment is not for:
 - an item or service prohibited by the National Health Service (Direct Payments) Regulations 2013 (alcohol, tobacco, gambling or debt repayment, or anything that is illegal)
 - emergency acute care
 - primary care services such as seeing a GP or buying medication.

The one off budget will be processed via an external company "My Support Money" (MSM) who will process the budget to an individual's bank account or that of a provider (this may include Charitable Trusts) within 24 hours of receiving a completed submission form (and receipts if appropriate and for reimbursement). The exception for this will be Sunday submissions which will be processed on Monday.

The information in regards to one off PHB payments must be submitted via the sitreps to NHSE and therefore the information will need to be sent to the hospital informatics teams as well as the CCG.

Following discharge the IDT will need to contact the individual who received the one off payment to ensure the goods / service were delivered and the discharge was safe. Any additional needs highlighted by the individual will require referral to the appropriate team.

