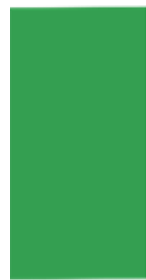


Personalised Budgets for People with a Disability in Ireland: Have Your Say



This is an easy to read consultation paper.

How to use this booklet



This consultation is for the Task Force on Personalised Budgets.

A consultation is where you talk with people about something and get their views.



Read the information in this booklet.

It is about bringing in personalised budgets in Ireland.



Answer the questions about personalised budgets.



You can ask someone to support you if you wish.

What is a Personalised Budget?



A personalised budget is money people with disabilities can get from the government. This money pays for the care or support the person needs.



A personalised budget can give the person more choice and control over their services and supports.



In the case of the Task Force on Personalised Budgets, a personalised budget is money from the HSE's budget for disability services.



This money is given to the person with a disability. They use their budget to pay for the supports they want instead of getting them from the HSE or a disability service.

Your views are important



This consultation will help the Department of Health plan for personalised budgets in Ireland.



The Department of Health wants to find out what people think:

- about personalised budgets
- about how personalised budgets should be used in Ireland.



They want to hear about the supports people with a disability might need to use a personalised budget.



The Task Force will use all the information from this consultation to talk with the Minister for Disabilities.

They will talk about the about the best ways to bring in personalised budgets in Ireland.



They will talk with the Minister before the end of 2017.

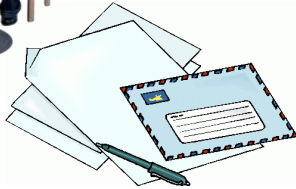
How to take part in the consultation



You can fill in the consultation and email it to us at
Budgets_Taskforce@health.gov.ie



You can print a copy of the document at
<http://health.gov.ie/consultations/>
and post it to us.



Our address is:
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If you would like a paper copy sent to you, please write to us at the address above or phone us on 01 6354769.

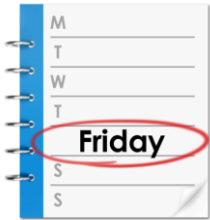


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Send in your views to the Department of Health by Friday, 20 October 2017.

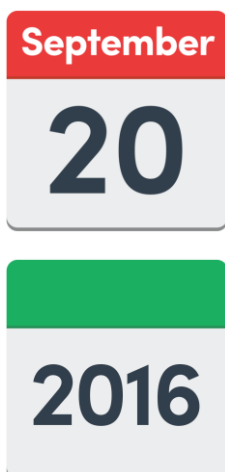


The information you share in this consultation will only be used to work on policies. It will be kept safely and in line with the law.



Any views sent in by an individual may be used in the final report. Your name will not be in the report.

The job of the Task Force



The Minister for Disability, Mr. Finian McGrath set up the Taskforce on the 20th September 2016.



In 2016, the government promised to introduce personalised budgets in the Programme for Government. The Programme for Government is a plan for all of the work the government will do for the next 5 years.



There are two groups in Personalised Budgets Taskforce:

- The Strategy Group
- The Advisory Group.



The Taskforce will find out the best way to bring in personalised budgets in Ireland.

The job of the Task Force



A Reference Group has been set up. People with disabilities and experience of disability services are on this group. Their views will be part of the consultation.



The Task Force is thinking about personalised budgets for services for adults with disabilities paid for by the HSE.

Who can get a Personalised Budget?



Any person who can get disability services and supports from the HSE can apply to get a personalised budget.



A person does not have to apply for a personalised budget if they do not want to. They can keep getting their services from the HSE or a disability service.



A person getting a personalised budget should not get more supports and services than a person who chooses not to use a personalised budget.

What can a Personalised Budget be spent on?



The Task Force has looked carefully at this question.

The consultation will help the Task Force to put together a list of things that a personalised budget can be used for.



This list is called a 'basket of goods'.

The 'basket of goods' may change over time.



The Task Force is only looking at personalised budgets for people who can get disability services and supports from the HSE.

It is not looking at services and supports given by other Government Departments or agencies.



Disability organisations get money from the government every year. The amount they get is worked out on how many people with disabilities they give a service to. This is called block funding.



Personalised budgets mean that organisations will have to work out how much the supports for each person costs. This money would be taken out from the big block of money. This is called “unbundling”.



The HSE will be responsible for unbundling. This is hard and will take time to do. Not all services from the HSE will be “unbundled” straight away.

What can a Personalised Budget not be spent on?



Every country has guidelines around what personalised budgets can be spent on.



Personalised budgets can definitely not be spent on:

- Things that are not to do with the person's disability or that will not meet their needs
- Day to day living costs like food, rent or bills
- Services provided by other Government Departments or agencies
- Anything that is against the law or causes harm to others



What supports will a person get to use a Personalised Budget?



The Taskforce will think about the supports a person needs to get and use a personalised budget.

They will think about the information a person needs and who will support each person with their budget.



Some people may choose to manage their personalised budget by themselves, but others may need more help.



To manage a personalised budget, you might need to:

- hire staff
- manage and pay staff
- manage a bank account
- keep receipts.





This Easy to Read booklet was put together by the Department of Health with the help of ACE Communication.



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