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 **Promise Care Services Ltd**

# PERSONAL BUDGETS

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Policy Statement

This organisation is committed to working with adults regardless of the funding arrangements in place for their service. We will, where appropriate, assist with any types of funding mechanism and this includes a personal budget.

**Care Act 2014**

The Act sets out, in detail, how personal budgets are to be extended to include carers, how health personal budgets can be included, explains what they can be used for, and importantly, what services are excluded from the use of these budgets. The Act states that:

“Personal budgets are a key part of government’s aspirations for a person-centred care and support system. Independent research shows that where implemented well, personal budgets can improve outcomes and deliver better value for money.”

It is the role of the local authority (LA) to assess and determine the personal budget, the amount to be paid including any contribution from the service user.

The LA should allow the choice of how the budget should be managed, e.g. direct payments, LA managed arrangements or, a third-party managing the budget on the service users behalf an individual service fund (ISF) or a combination of these approaches.

The Policy

Personal Budget Exclusions

Intermediate care and re-enablement services should usually be free, as a universal service under the Act. These services should be part of the care planning process but not included for personal budget purposes.

Future Development

Our role, as a provider of services, is to be as flexible and open to developing services that can meet the needs of personal budget holders.

We will need to develop and build the systems to enable these flexible services such as itemised invoicing to be transparent and contribute to the audit requirements for personal budget holders.

Related Policies

Direct Payment

Related Guidance

Statutory Guidance Care Act 2014: Chapter 11: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance

Committee of Public Accounts Personal Budgets in Social Care: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmpubacc/74/74.pdf

Age UK Personal Budgets and Direct Payments in Social Care: https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/factsheets/fs24\_personal\_budgets\_and\_direct\_payments\_in\_social\_care\_fcs.pdf

Training Statement

All staff, during induction, are made aware of the organisation’s policies and procedures, all of which are used for training updates. All policies and procedures are reviewed and amended where necessary, and staff are made aware of any changes. Observations are undertaken to check skills and competencies. Various methods of training are used, including one to one, online, workbook, group meetings, and individual supervisions.

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