

Personal Wheelchair Budget

A blue sign with white text that reads 'Wheelchair Se'. The sign is part of a larger structure, likely a wheelchair accessible path or service area. The background is a blurred green landscape.

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Information Leaflet



This leaflet has been written to help you understand the Personal Wheelchair Budget Scheme, launched nationally in 2018, funded by the Government as a permanent part of the NHS Wheelchair Service.

Q: How does the Personal Wheelchair Budget (PWB) work?

A: Once you have been assessed and it has been agreed you are eligible to receive a wheelchair from the NHS, you will automatically be allocated a PWB. This is a 'virtual' sum of money allocated to meet your assessed needs.

It is designed to give you more choice over your wheelchair, and provide one that meets your assessed needs and any further specific requirements you identify as being important to you, and as agreed with your Wheelchair Service assessor.

Q: How much is the PWB?

A: The amount of your PWB is based on the cost to the NHS to provide a wheelchair to meet your clinical needs.

Personal Wheelchair Budget

You can decide to use your PWB in one of the following three ways:

Notional Personal Wheelchair Budget

The Notional PWB scheme allows you to have an NHS wheelchair with no additional cost.

You will need to accept the NHS wheelchair prescribed for you by the Wheelchair Service team. This will be supplied, delivered, repaired and maintained by the NHS at no charge to you. It remains the property of the NHS and must be returned when it is no longer required.

Notional Personal Wheelchair Budget with Contribution

The Notional PWB with contribution scheme allows you to contribute toward your NHS wheelchair.

Use your PWB to upgrade your prescribed NHS wheelchair or to add extra features. During your assessment, the team will offer advice and support to do this

The amount of your PWB is how much it will cost the NHS to provide a wheelchair to meet your clinical needs, with you paying the difference between this amount and the cost of the wheelchair you have chosen. Another agency/organisation may be able to support you with this cost.

With this option, the wheelchair will be ordered by the NHS, remains the property of the NHS and will be repaired and maintained free of charge. You will be required to return the wheelchair when it is no longer required.

Third Party Personal Wheelchair Budget

The Third Party PWB scheme allows you to access a

wheelchair from outside the NHS.

Use your PWB to access a wheelchair of your choice from an independent supplier outside of the NHS. This option is only available when the Wheelchair Service team agree it is clinically appropriate for you to do so.

The amount of your PWB is how much it will cost the NHS to provide a wheelchair to meet your clinical needs, and we will allocate an additional one off payment towards the cost of the repair and maintenance of your chosen wheelchair. You will be responsible for all repairs, servicing and maintenance for the duration of the wheelchair ownership. If you choose a wheelchair that costs more than the amount of your PWB you will have to meet the additional cost yourself. Another agency/ organisation could support you with this cost.

Please contact Southend Wheelchair Service for more information



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Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

If you have any concerns or need advice about accessing NHS services, you can speak in confidence to PALS on **0800 085 7935** or you can email **epunft.pals@nhs.uk**

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