

Havering Clinical Commissioning Group Personal Health Budgets: Statement of Local Offer

Havering Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the NHS organisation responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services in the local area, from cancer care to mental health services. All GP practices in the borough are members of the CCG which means that local GPs lead the organisation and decision-making. The CCG has to work within a local budget and therefore must work closely with other NHS colleagues and local authorities to ensure local people are receiving the best possible care.

In addition to key services, such as community nursing and speech and language therapy, the CCG commission services for a specific group of patients on an individual basis, where they meet the criteria for NHC Continuing Healthcare (CHC). An example of what we might buy for an individual would be specialist nursing support which is required in the home.

More information on Continuing Healthcare can be found [here](#).
(<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/pages/nhs-continuing-care.aspx>)

Since September 2014, if a person meets the CHC criteria, they are eligible for a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for appropriate elements of their healthcare. The aim of a PHB is to allow patients, parents or carers to have greater choice, flexibility and control over the health care they receive. The purpose of the PHB is to build upon all the other support available through services already bought by the CCG, to achieve a set of outcomes agreed within the patient's Care Plan.

More information on Personal Health Budgets can be found [here](#).
(<http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/personal-health-budgets/Pages/about-personal-health-budgets.aspx>)

If you think you may be eligible for a PHB, contact Havering CCG on phealthbudgets@nhs.net