

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_453_21

You asked:

In relation to the last financial year (2020/21) could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which the health board sanctioned the use of a patient's Personal Health Budget (PHB) – as defined by Continuing NHS Healthcare in Wales – to be spent on something that was NOT for the provision of care, medicine, or transport to a place where care or medicine was provided?

For each of these 20 occasions please state:

1. what the money was spent on;
2. how much money was spent on it; and
3. the outcome the patient was working towards as a result of this spend.

Note: What I am after is any capital expenditure which is not immediately apparent as of a medical purpose. So, a specialist bed would be medical and I would not want to know about it, but a large screen television for a patient with vision problems would be something that I am interested in, as somebody not familiar with the case would not be able to tell that the set had been bought because of the patient's vision problems. The request covers PHBs – as defined by Continuing NHS Healthcare in Wales – for both adults and children.

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not use Personal Health Budgets. PHBs are currently only available in England and Scotland. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information requested.