

Case Example of Young Person with Disabilities

The Context:

The Care Act 2014 prioritises principles of choice and control, and gives direction and guidance of how people should receive a Personal Budget to support them to stay independent for as long as possible within their chosen surroundings.

Everyone whose long term needs are met by the council, will receive a Personal Budget as part of their Care and Support Plan to use in relation to their eligible needs. The Personal Budget will give the person clear information regarding the money that has been allocated to meet their needs as identified in the assessment and recorded in the Care and Support Plan.

This will allow the person, their circle of support or advocate, and anybody else the person wishes, to make informed choices to support them to meet their needs.

Following a full assessment of need and application of the eligibility criteria, a resource allocation amount is discussed and agreed with the person as a contribution from North Lincolnshire Council to the cost of their care and support.

Jack

Jack is a 20 year old young man with severe physical disabilities and currently lives in a rural location with his mother. He suffers from a condition called Moebius Syndrome which seriously affects his balance and mobility and also his facial muscles. He also suffers from hearing loss. He requires the support of his mother and extended family and friends but he has mental capacity in all areas of his life choices. He has a DP of £294/week and is currently attending college.

He has a personal budget of £269.06 per week and makes a personal contribution towards this of £25.55 making a total of £294.61 per week £15,319.72 per year.

He currently attends college and his personal budget pays for a personal assistant to support him 16 hrs/week @ £10.00 per hour - 12 hrs per week during term time and 4 hrs per week to be saved towards college and he also has a one off payment of £500 to pay for PA support during summer holidays.

Jack's personal budget allows him to make personal choices and empowers him to live his life in a way that empowers him and his carers and family.

Jack has a number of difficulties resulting from his diagnosis of Moebius Syndrome, which is an extremely rare congenital disorder characterised by facial paralysis and the inability to move the eyes from side to side.

However, despite his prognosis, Jack has exceeded expectations in terms of his development. He is verbal (although due to his communication difficulties, it can be hard for those not familiar with him to understand what is being said). He can walk, but very unsteadily, in places familiar to him. For Jack's safety, he has a wheelchair to use outside of the home. Jack has very good comprehension and is a very bright, lively young man.

He participates in a number of charity raising events and is supported by his personal assistants to participate in charity walks and climbing mountains. He also loves attend the local football matches.

Jack has now been accepted for a university place to study law.