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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 13 January 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to personal health budgets. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

In relation to the current financial year (19/20) could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which you sanctioned the use of a patient's Personal Health Budget (PHB) 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:

- (i) what the money was spent on
- (ii) how much money was spent on it
- (iii) 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 for both adults and children.

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information. The PHB administration starts after the care package requirements have been assessed by the Coordinator and authorised by PHC Senior Management. We do monitor excess balance of funds, question some expenditure with the Coordinator for self-managed accounts, but do not track purchases.