

New event: What next for personal budgets for children, young people and families?



In Control's 14th workshop for children's services and organisations working with children and young people.

**6 & 7 March 2012
Central Leeds (*venue TBC*)**

This two-day event will be the biggest gathering yet of people from across the country involved in taking forward personal budgets and the personalisation agenda. Don't miss the chance to hear from people and children's services leading the way in this area.

The Green Paper 'Support and Aspiration' makes clear statements about personal health budgets, personal SEN budgets and the wider transformation of assessment planning and the workforce.

Over the past five years, In Control has worked with more than 45 children's services across the country, supporting them in developing personal social care budgets for disabled children, young people and their families.

This two-day residential workshop will focus on the personal budget agenda and how personalised funding can give families more control. At the event, we will hear from leading people at the Department for Education and the Department for Health, from the pathfinder sites commissioned by the government to support Early Support, Preparation for Adulthood and Short Breaks and from children's services already taking forward personal budgets.

Invited speakers include:

- **Christine Lenehan**, CDC
- **Ann Gross**, Head of SEN, Disability and Extended Schools, DfE
- **Alison Austin**, Lead for Personal Health Budgets, Department of Health
- **Jean Haigh**, Lead for the SE7 Pathfinder (seven south east region children's services) and head of SEN and Disabilities at East Sussex County Council
- **Julia Erskine** and **Kate Sibthorp** – Partners in Policymaking and parent leaders
- **Gareth Flemyng**, Assistant Director, Safeguarding, Assessment and Family Support, Newham Children's Services
- **Martin Donkin**, Newcastle Children's Services
- **Tony Crouch**, Essex Children's Services
- **Alison Cathles**, Gloucestershire Children's Services
- **Gav Cross**, The Early Support Trust

Workshops will include:

- **Preparing for adulthood** and how personal budgets are working for adults (Nicola Gitsham, Preparation for Adulthood, and Martin Routledge, In Control)
- **Developing personal health budgets** (Rita Brewis, In Control and Dawn Stobbs, Department of Health)
- **Supporting parent and family** participation (Julia Erskine and Kate Sibthorp)
- **Making a start on personal** budgets (Gerry Kelly, In Control)
- **Resource allocation** and thinking about how we bring together health, SEN and social care funding (Nic Crosby, In Control)
- **Developing provider services** (Kevin Filby, Activities Unlimited, Suffolk)

A full agenda will be confirmed nearer the time.

Attending this event

Members of our Children's programme are entitled to two free places which include overnight accommodation. If members would like to book an additional place, the discounted rate is £250 + VAT

For non-members, places will cost £375 + VAT each and it includes accommodation.

A small number of free places may also be available for parent representatives. Please enquire for further details.

How to book

Please email admin@in-control.org.uk or contact 01564 821 650.

Further information

If you would like further information about In Control's Children's Programme please email Nic Crosby, Director Children and Young People at nic.crosby@in-control.org.uk