

Personal Budgets Survey March 2012

Results

- Total number of personal budgets delivered by councils across England is estimated to be **432,349** during 2011-12; an increase of **38%** since 2010-11.

Year	Number personal budgets
2011-12	432,349
2010-11	312,911
2009-10	168,000
2008-09	93,000

- **Percentage of eligible people in receipt of personal budgets** (including estimates for non-responding councils) was **52.8%** as at March 2012. This is an increase from 35.3% of eligible people in receipt of personal budgets as at March 2011.
- The **number of people supported by community based services as at 31 March 2012 was 818, 700**. This represents a **7.7%** fall on the previous year figure of 886,939. The policy direction in adult social care to enable people, through enabling and preventative services, is to reduce the need for ongoing support, which will impact the numbers of people receiving community based services.
- More than half of people supported by community services had personal budgets. Of those supported in 2011-12, 39% were aged 18 to 65 and 61% aged over 65.
- The number of carers in receipt of personal budgets **increased by 15% to 51,191**, with just under half of these provided as a one-off direct payment. Carers accounted for 85% of all one-off payments in 2011-12.
- More councils are delivering larger numbers of personal budgets, with **58.8% providing personal budgets to more than half of all people in receipt of community based services** and 9 councils providing to 25% or less of people in receipt of community based services.

Table: Percentage of people receiving personal budgets as distributed across councils

	March 2011		March 2012	
	Number Councils	Percentage	Number Councils	Percentage
0 to 25%	35	26.3	9	6.9
25 to 50%	71	53.4	45	34.4
50 to 75%	20	15.0	58	44.3
over 75%	7	5.3	19	14.5

Source: ADASS Personalisation Survey 2012 (131 responses), 2011 (135 responses) including one-off payments

- The number of **direct payments has remained stable** overall, with a slight reduction (0.8%) in those aged 18 to 64 and slight increase (1.6%) in those aged 65 and over with a direct payment, while the **expenditure on direct payments has increase by 30%** since 2011.
- The amount spent on personal budgets in 2011-12 was £2.597 billion, 14.8% of all direct spend on adult care and support services. The amount spent on personal budgets has increased by 57% since 2010-11.
- The number of people receiving **high value personal budgets has increased** since 2010-11, with **45% increase in personal budgets over £10,000**, and **17% increase in personal budgets over £5,000**, while the number receiving low value personal budgets, less than £1,000, has reduced by 10.7%.

Table: Percentage of people receiving personal budgets by different value

	March 2011		March 2012	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
less than £1,000	55,514	18.5	49,572	16.5
£1,000 to £5,000	85,899	28.7	86,712	28.9
£5,000 to £10,000	59,550	19.9	69,915	23.3
over £10,000	64,422	21.5	93,336	31.2

Source: ADASS Budget Survey and ADASS Personalisation Survey (103 councils in 2012 and 121 councils in 2011 who responded to both): Numbers of people in each band were calculated using the total number of people in receipt of personal budgets from ADASS Personalisation Survey, and the percentage in each band from the ADASS Budget Survey

- The reduction in the number of people being supported by community based services is being mirrored by a similar reduction in the proportion of people supported through lower value personal budgets, with **16.5% who have a personal budget of below £1,000**, whilst the proportion of those with higher value budgets increased, with **23.3% receiving personal budget of £5,000 to £10,000** and **31.2% receiving more than £10,000**.