**Personal Budgets Survey**

With an increasing focus on personalisation of care, there is a need to further understand people’s lived experience of personal budgets, and in particular those who receive these via a Direct Payment in Essex. Healthwatch Essex would like to hear from those who access this service, to help inform a programme of work within Essex County Council, in particular shaping the emerging future Direct Payment offer.

1. **Why are you in receipt of/applying for a personal budget? *(please mark all that apply)***
2. Physical impairment
3. Sensory impairment
4. Mental health
5. Brain injury
6. Learning disability
7. Autism
8. Long term health condition
9. To support needs as a carer
10. Other (please list)
11. **Where in the process are you?**
12. Initial assessment
13. Financial Assessment
14. Support Planning
15. Request for services (this has been sent to ECC, is on the system and being processed)
16. Services implemented (being paid via your chosen method)
17. Review
18. Other (please state)
19. **Tell us about your experience of personal budgets in Essex so far**
20. **How did you find the assessment process?**
21. **How is your personal budget received, and how would you describe your satisfaction with this service? (i.e. pre-paid card, via a bank account or supported by Purple)**
22. **What could be done to improve your experience?**

**Personal information**

First half of your postcode:

Employment status / occupation:

Age: Under 18 / 18-29 / 30-39 / 40-49 / 50-59 / 60+

Gender: Male / Female / Transgender Male / Transgender Female / Gender Variant or Non-Conforming / Not Listed (please state)

Ethnicity:

White: British / Irish / Gypsy or Irish Traveller / Other:

Black/Black British: African / Caribbean / Other:

Mixed/Multiple Groups: White & Black Caribbean / White & Black African / White & Asian / Other:

Asian/Asian British: Indian / Pakistani / Bangladeshi / Chinese / Japanese / Other:

Other ethnic group: Arab / Other:

We will be reviewing all responses received and selecting a small number of people to have a further discussion with, to build a collection of case studies across Essex. Please provide your contact details below if this is something you would like to be considered for:

Full name:

Address:

Contact number:

Email address:

Preferred contact method:

Thank you for taking part.

If you would like any further information about the project, or this survey in particular, please contact:

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