

Key facts

340,000

Number of personal budget holders

£1.5bn

Money allocated for personal budgets

£6.3bn

Estimated annual spend by those funding their own care

£23bn

Estimated size of care sector in the UK, including direct commissioning by local authorities

1 million

Number of eligible users receiving publicly funded care in England.

30 per cent

Projected increase in the population of those aged 65 and over by 2021.

**63 per cent:
37 per cent**

Estimated current split of public to private funding for care.

£520 million

Social Care (Transformation) Reform Grant to support increased user choice (3-year grant over 2008-09 to 2010-11).

£1 billion

Projected taxpayer's liability by 2035 for those who fund their own care running out of money and falling back on the state.

£23,250

Private capital threshold for residential care.

£28,000

Typical average annual care home fees.

63 per cent

Percentage of users reporting improved mental well-being from having a personal budget.