

Developing a Strategy for Support Planning

1. Context

Who are we offering individual budgets to? (for example, people with physical impairments, people in transition, older people). How many people do we want to offer budgets to and over what time period?

2. Communication

How are we making sure that everyone knows what support planning is and what it means for them or their role?

3. People who can provide help with support planning

Who are the different groups of people offering help with planning? How are disabled people involved in providing support (for example as peer mentors)?

4. Training and support for 'support planners'

How are the people providing help for support planning trained and supported? How are you building local capacity to deliver this training and support? How are you gathering and sharing what support planners are learning?

5. Different ways that people can develop their support plan

What are the different ways that people can develop their support plan? Are there opportunities to develop support plans with other people in a small group? Do people have opportunities to use any of the available guides? Do people have opportunities to use a graphic process?

6. Information about what is possible and what people can and cannot spend their individual budget on

How are 'images of possibility' shared with people? Do people have information on what they can and cannot spend their money on?

7. Signing off support plans

How are support plans agreed and who does this? When is this done? What criteria are used (for example the 7 criteria in What needs to be in a support plan)? Do individuals and those who help people with support plans know what the criteria are?

8. Review process

How are plans reviewed? Who reviews them and when? What process is used? Do people have the option to review in small groups as well as individually? How is learning from the reviews shared?

9. Providers developing Individual Support Funds

How are providers helped to enable people they support to use support planning, and to create Individual Support Funds based on information in the support plan? Are there opportunities to develop support plans with other people in a small group? Do people have opportunities to use any of the available guides? Do people have opportunities to use a graphic process?

10. Learning from support plans

How are you learning from what is in support plans and people's experiences of developing and reviewing these? How is this information shared and used?