

The Evaluation of Individual Budgets: Messages for Policy and Practice

Tuesday, 3rd February 2009
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Chair: Mark Ivory, Executive Editor,
Community Care



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Individual Budget (IB) pilots have laid the foundations for the current drive to transform the social care system around the principles of personalisation. But what did we learn from the pilots? Did they work, for whom, and in what circumstances? The Individual Budgets Evaluation Network – comprising independent researchers from 5 universities - has recently published its evidence and can now share its findings.

Delegates will learn of the views and experiences of service users and stakeholders from the pilot, and will hear a comprehensive but non-technical overview of the evidence. The conference will aim to address key questions such as:

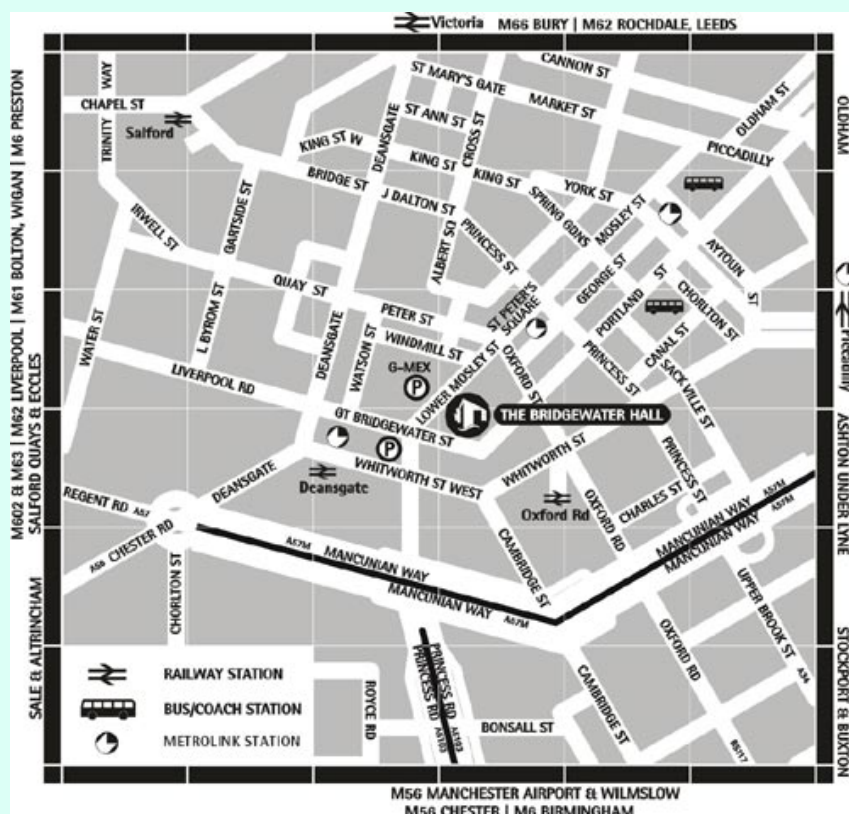
- Did individual budgets lead to better outcomes for service users?
- For whom do IBs work best / least?
- What did we learn about the key IB processes?
- What factors facilitate success?
- What are the implications of IBs for social workers and other front-line practitioners?
- What do IBs mean for risk and adult protection?
- Where next for IBs?

Who should attend?

Local authority personalisation leads, senior managers, commissioners, providers, training officers, adult protection officers, practitioners, other staff in the health and social care sector, voluntary and advocacy groups, academics, service users and carers.

Directions:

The Bridgewater Hall is located on Lower Mosley Street in the heart of Manchester city centre. It is situated close to St Peter's Square Metrolink station, mainline railway stations and several car parks. Further information on how to get there can be found at: <http://www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk/about/howfind.html>



PROGRAMME

10:00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

10:30 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Mark Ivory, Executive Editor, *Community Care*

10:40 SETTING THE SCENE

Professor David Challis, PSSRU, University of Manchester

11:00 THE INDIVIDUAL BUDGET EXPERIENCE: PROCESSES AND PERSPECTIVES

Professor David Challis and Mark Wilberforce, PSSRU, University of Manchester.

Dr Martin Stevens, SCWRU, Kings College, London

11:45 PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 DO INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS WORK, AND AT WHAT PRICE?

Professor Ann Netten and Dr Karen Jones, PSSRU University of Kent and
Dr José Luis Fernández, PSSRU, London School of Economics

13:45 CARERS' EXPERIENCE OF INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS

Professor Ann Netten PSSRU, University of Kent

Professor Caroline Glendinning SPRU, University of York

14.00 SAFEGUARDING, RISK AND WIDER EFFECTS

Professor Jill Manthorpe and Dr Martin Stevens, SCRWU, King's College
London

Mark Wilberforce, PSSRU, University of Manchester

14:45 REFRESHMENTS

15.05 INDIVIDUAL BUDGET PILOTS - THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Professor Caroline Glendinning, SPRU, University of York

15.30 PANEL DISCUSSION

15:50 CHAIR'S CONCLUSIONS

Mark Ivory, Executive Editor, *Community Care*

16.00 CLOSE

BOOKING FORM: EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS
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