

Carers Personal Budget Banding Levels

The banding of personal budgets is to ensure that the carer is supported in a flexible way to meet their personal outcomes. The table below has 5 banding levels. At Band 5, the Care Planning and Complex Cases Panel will be involved in the decision making.

Assessor: When considering appropriate banding levels, make reference to the carer's assessment and factors such as how long the carer has been caring for the cared for person, what the carer does for the cared for person, how much time the carer is spending daily on the cared for person, what effect this has on the carer's emotional and physical wellbeing and what the Council can do to support the carer to sustain their caring role.

Personal budget banding level table

Band	Needs of carers	Value
Band 1 (RAS points = 0 – 16)	At this level there is likely to be an impact on the carer's wellbeing and they would be able to achieve one or more of their personal outcomes via access to advice, counselling, support and a range of services provided through voluntary or Council commissioned services.	Community Resources – commissioned services or support networks
Band 2 (RAS points = 17 – 32)	At this level, there may be increased impact on the carer's wellbeing and/or their ability to meet the eligible outcomes if they do not receive some additional (to Band 1) services/support.	Up to £150
Band 3 (RAS points = 33 – 49)	At this level, there is a further impact on the carer's wellbeing and/or their ability to meet the eligible outcomes and the carer may need additional support.	Up to £350
Band 4 (RAS points = 50 – 66)	At this level, the carers' wellbeing is being significantly affected and/or they are unable to meet the specified personal outcomes and will need additional services/support in order to meet one or more of their personal outcomes	Up to £500
Band 5 (RAS points = 67 – 80)	At this level, the carer's wellbeing is strongly affected and the carer is unable to meet a number of their specified personal outcomes which may result in the breakdown of the cared for person's/carer's circumstances. At this level, the case will need to be referred to the Care Planning and Complex Cases Panel.	Over £500 please refer to Complex Care Planning Funding Panel

The Care Planning and Complex Cases Panel (Panel)

Where an indicative personal budget may exceed £500, refer to the Care Planning and Complex Cases Panel. The Panel will consider the person's personal outcomes

identified at the assessment, review the options, and, where appropriate, approve an indicative budget. The Panel will look at all the circumstances of the carer and decide on a case by case basis.

A dispute about how the carer's indicative budget has been calculated will also be reviewed by the Panel in the first instance.