

Personal budgets

**Supporting people to take control of their lives and
the support they receive**

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- Founded in 2003
- Developed self-directed support as a new way of giving people control over the support they are offered
- Individual or Personal budgets now the way many people of all ages receive support
- For more information visit www.in-control.org.uk

A Personal Budget for Gregor and his family

Thinking **'whole life'**



Person centred and outcomes focused



Starting with the child, young person, family or adult who needs support

Thinking about the support available within their own and local communities

Professionals remembering that they are not in control.
Remembering that they are there to support.

Building on strength



Real wealth

People – the people we know, our family, close friends, colleagues

Access – how we participate in our local community and the wider world

Skills and knowledge

Resilience – what is at our core, what keeps us going

Personalisation is more than just personal budgets



The whole 'Public Offer'

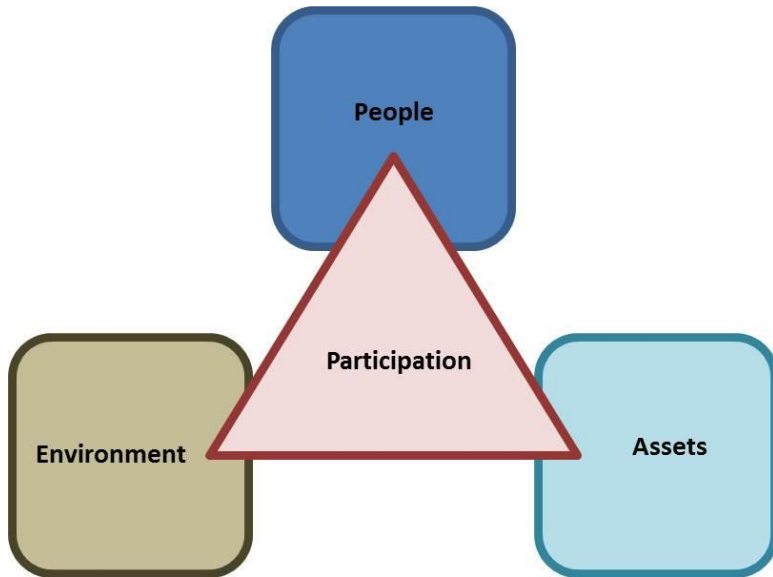
Universal services – what is available for to the whole population

Targeted services and support – focused on a group of people, a diagnosis or a situation

Choice and control – funding which is controlled by the individual

Community wealth – the informal supports and networks in our community

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People – members of the community

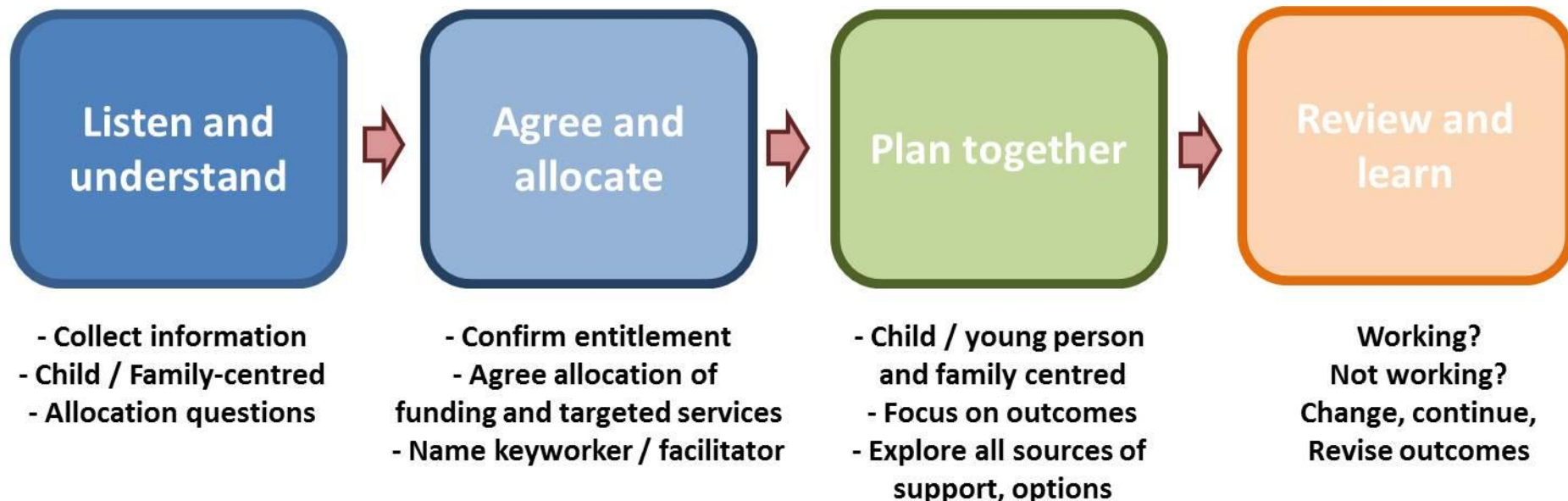
Environment – the local, the physical, political

Assets – building, school, doctor, library, community facilities

Developing inclusive communities and increasing **participation**

Transparency

Participation



- Good planning means having access to all the information needed
- Having a person/child and family centred approach
- Being able to personalise support creatively and flexibly

Managing a Personal Budget

- Managed by the local authority ‘an organised service’
- Managed by a provider / VCS on the family’s behalf ‘an individual service fund’
- Managed by the family as a ‘direct payment’
- A mix of these three options

Thank you

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Most of us make choices about how we live our lives,
most of us have control over how we live our lives.

Personal budgets are one way of making this real for
children, young people and families with additional
needs, how will you make sure families are **always** in
control and **always** able to make choices about support
that works for them and their children ?

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