

What is human rights budgeting?

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What is this guide?



Rights

This guide is about human rights and the government's budget.



This guide gives you information on how the government spends money to help you meet your human rights.

What are human rights?

Human rights are our basic freedoms.

Human rights make sure people are...



Treated with **dignity**.



Treated with **respect**.



Treated **fairly**.



Listened to and **have a say** over their lives.



Human rights make sure you are **involved in the decisions** that are made about your care and treatment.



Human rights are **not gifts** from the government or rewards that you earn.



They are the **basic rights everyone can expect.**

Rights

Who has human rights?



Every person has human rights.



Everybody has the **same human rights**.

What is the budget?



The budget is a **plan** which shows where the government get their money from and how they spend it.

The Scottish Government get their money from:



The UK government. This is called the **Scottish block grant**.



Scottish Taxes.

The Scottish Government spend their money on:



Services like education and health and social care.



Benefits like disability payments.

What is human rights budgeting?

Human rights budgeting makes sure there is enough money in the budget to meet everyone's human rights.

There are 2 ways human rights apply to the budget:



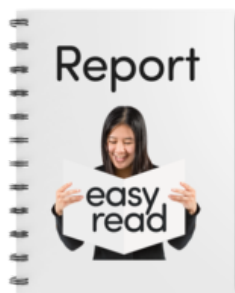
1. The way the budget is made.



2. What is included in the budget.

How the budget is made

Human rights budgeting means the budget must meet 3 standards:



1. Everyone has **information about the budget.**



2. People can be **involved** in the budget process.



3. Budget decisions must **think about the impact on human rights.**

What is included in the budget

Human rights budgeting means the government should think about human rights when setting the budget.



The budget needs to meet the government's **5 human rights rules**.

The budget must...



1. Help people meet their economic, social and cultural rights.



2. Make sure there is a **minimum** level of **protection for everyone**.



3. **Not remove rights** that people used to have.



4. Make things **fairer** for **people from different backgrounds**.



5. Use everything the government has to help people meet their human rights.