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The transformation of social care in England is taking place though changes affording greater choice and control for people using services. Individual budgets were one key element of these changes and were piloted in 13 local authorities in 2006–2008. This

article reports on the findings of a study that took place in 2008. The aims of the study were to explore the aims of the transformation of social care within the English pilot individual budgets sites and to explore the higher profile of local authorities within the pilot. The article concludes that training will remain a central issue when implementing personalised

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social care services and that models of training for such changes should be shared and evaluated over the long term.

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