

Care Act 2014

Overview

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- Significant Change (Part 1 Care Act)
- Consolidates / modernises existing law
- New law to support existing policy
- New in law and practice
- Regulation and guidance
- Phased Implementation

Some key changes April 2015

- National eligibility criteria
- Carers eligibility
- Safeguarding
- Independent Advocacy
- Deferred payments
- Assessment process

Funding of Care

- Cap on Care Costs
- Care Account
- Eligible needs/assessment
- General living costs
- Usual cost Council would pay
- Thresholds
- Appeals

Implementation

- Modernisation Board
- Programme Manager
- Enabling work streams
- Specific workstreams ; themed
- National & Regional Support
- National Stocktakes
- 'Deep Dives'

Finance

- Financial modelling 2015-16 costs
- Financial modelling funding reform
- £125,000 one off support 14/15
- Regional funding 2014-15
- Funding in Better Care Programme
- New burdens funding

What are we doing ; Information & advice

- Review existing provision
- Dedicated Plan
- National Best Practice
- Regional events
- Involving citizens and people who use services
- Working in partnership

What are we doing ; Information & advice

- Improving the on line offer
- Revising Leaflets / policy
- Redesign of processes in Assessment services
- Engaging commissioners re contracted services
- Staff training and development
- Accredited independent financial advice

What are we doing ? Advocacy

- Estimating the likely additional demand for independent advocacy
- Working with regional colleagues
- Engaging existing advocacy providers re capacity
- Referencing commissioning guidance
- Staff training and development

What are we doing ?Assessment

- Business process mapping and redesign
- Document and reporting redesign
- Managing additional demand
- Supported assessment
- Role of qualified staff
- Impact of national eligibility criteria
- Planning transitional year 2015-16
- Learning & Development for staff

What are we doing ? Charging

- Deferred payments schemes
- Charging Policy
- Carers services
- Self Funders
- Review business processes

Workforce

- Dedicated enabling group
- National support / skills for care
 - Analysis
 - Support tools
- Regional joint work / funding
- Learning & Development pathway

What are we doing ? Communication

- National Communication Strategy in 2 Phases
- National resource bank / tool kit
- Local strategy aligned to local strategy
- Interim activity
 - Presentations
 - Workshops
 - Bulletins
 - Newsletters

