

Charging and financial assessment:
This will continue to apply.

Care Accounts: If you have eligible needs for care and support you will be offered a **Care Account** from **April 2016**. This will set out the notional costs to accumulate towards the new **cap on care costs**.

Cap on Care: A cap will be introduced that sets a limit on the amount you will pay towards your care costs in your lifetime.

Deferred Payment Agreements:
From April 2015, Universal Deferred Payment Agreements will be introduced for people who need support in a care home. These are flexible agreements that allow you to use the value of your home as security to fund care home costs

and to delay paying for care until a more convenient time. This means that you should not have to sell your home in your lifetime to pay for your care. If eligible, the council will help to pay the care home bills on your behalf. The council may charge interest on the amount owed, and there may also be a fee for setting up these arrangements. Fees will be set to cover the council's costs and not to make a profit.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE CARE ACT

The Care Act 2014 **consolidates** more than 60 years of previous health and social care laws, regulations and guidance, with the aim of providing a more **coherent** and consistent approach to adult social care.

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From April 2015, care and support in England is changing for the better.

The new Care Act will help make care and support more consistent across the country.

‘Care and support’ is the term used to describe the help some adults need to live as well as possible with any illness or disability they may have. It can include help with things like washing, dressing, eating, getting out and about, and keeping in touch with friends or family.

If you receive care and support, or you support someone as a carer, you could benefit from the changes.

When will it happen?

The Care Act comes in two phases. Part 1 starts in April 2015 and part 2 starts in April 2016.

The majority of the changes are included in Part 1 of the Act including new eligibility criteria for care and support, new rights for carers and access to a Deferred Payments System. The Care Cap and Care Account will come into operation in April 2016.

Who will be affected?

General Public: You will have a right to up to date information, advice and guidance to help you to make decisions about your life.

People who need care and support: If you already receive care and support from the Local Authority you

will continue to receive support to meet your eligible needs. If you fund your own care, you will be able to register for a **Care Account** from April 2015. This will establish a limit on the amount that you will be required to pay towards the cost of care over the course of your lifetime. Care Accounts will begin from April 2016.

Carers: The Care Act strengthens your rights. It recognises your role as a carer and gives you a right to an assessment based on your needs. You will be entitled to have your eligible needs met by the Council. You will also be entitled to a support plan, and may be offered a personal budget.

Young People: If you are a young person, you may be affected by two pieces of legislation: The Care Act 2014, and the Children and Families Act 2014.

Local Authorities: There will be new duties and responsibilities for all Local Authorities. All Councils in England will assess your needs according to a new national level of eligibility. If you receive care and support and move to another area in England, both councils will work together to ensure consistency in your care. There are new requirements regarding Safeguarding including setting up statutory Safeguarding Adults Boards to protect adults from neglect and abuse in every area.

Partner Organisations: The Council will work with its partners to integrate your services and support.

What will be Different?

Principles of the Care Act: The Care Act aims to make adult social care clearer and fairer. Whether you are a carer, or somebody needing support, your physical, emotional and mental **wellbeing** are at the centre

of the Care Act. The Act focuses on **preventing reducing and delaying** your needs so that you can maintain your independence for as long as possible. The Act recognises the importance of putting you in control of your life.

Information, Advice and Advocacy:

There will be an information and advice service available to you. You may find that the support you need can be met by something that is going on in your local community and we will connect you with this support where we can. If you need advocacy services, the Council will make these available in certain circumstances.

New Assessment and Eligibility

Criteria: If you are a carer or somebody needing support you are entitled to an assessment, regardless of your financial resources. All Councils in England will assess your needs according to a new national level of eligibility.

Carers Assessment: If you are a carer, you are now eligible for an assessment, independently of the person you care for. As a result of the assessment, you may be eligible for support. You will also be entitled to a support plan, and may be offered a personal budget.

Care and Support planning: If you are eligible for care and support, and your needs cannot be met through information and advice, or short term support, you may be entitled to long term support. A transparent **personal budget** will form part of a long term care and support plan. If you are entitled to financial support from the council, you may choose to take the personal budget in the form of a **direct payment**. A direct payment means the money the council contributes towards meeting care and support needs is paid directly to you.

