Adult Social Care The reform agenda

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What is Adult Social Care

- Adult social care provides personal and practical support to help people live their lives
- Promoting independence, dignity and control and avoiding unnecessary reliance on long term support
- Provides care, support, information and safeguards for those people in our communities who have the highest level of need and their carers
- Provides equipment and adaptations for people's homes incl. new technologies such as Telecare to minimise risks
- A significant partner service to the NHS working hand in hand with health services in supporting people
- Primary legislation Care Act 2014, Mental Health Act and Mental Capacity Act.



Adult Social Care in Coventry

- Prevention: Referrals not requiring a service indicating people being supported elsewhere
- **Short term interventions:** Where people require support this is provided in a way that enables (promoting independence a core service principle)
- Comparatively low numbers of people in receipt of long term support:
 Indicating effectiveness in supporting independence with people primarily supported at home

However:

- Pandemic showing no quick recovery. More complex needs requiring more intensive support
- No slowing of health related activity in admission avoidance and discharge
- Managing demand levels prioritising resources, delivering outcomes in most cost effective way









People at the Heart of Care

Adult Social Care Reform White Paper

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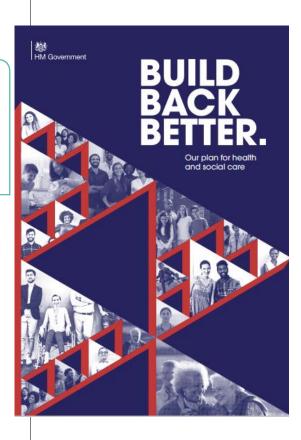


Joining up care for people, places and populations

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The government's proposals for health and care integration

Reforms







Reforms

A huge reform agenda over 2022 and 2023

- Introduction of 'moving towards' Fair Cost of Care
- Introduction of the Care Cap
- Changing financial thresholds for charging
- Liberty Protection Safeguards to replace Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Introduction of CQC oversight for Adult Social Care

Plus

 Transformation of Mental health, Urgent Care and Frailty improvements, revised Discharge processes and Mental Health Act revisions

And

 Introduction of the Integrated Care System and getting the best from this for people who need our support



1. Moving Towards a Fair Cost of Care

- Included within the paper Build Back Better Our Plan for Health and Social Care
- It requires each Local Authority to conduct a 'fair cost of care exercise" by October 2023 and a Market Sustainability plan (in draft) with final version by February 2023
- Intention is to identify the local sustainable rate for care either at home or in a care home initially focussed on home support and care homes for people aged 65 and over
- Enable providers to meet the challenge of the adult social care reforms
- Necessary tools are now available and shared across the local provider market



2. The Care Cap

- Included within Build Back Better Our Plan for Health and Social Care
- Introduces a care cap and is applicable from Oct 2023
- The care cap is set at £86000 meaning no one is expected to pay more than that for care irrespective of savings and assets
- The cap will not cover daily living costs which will be set nationally
- Impacts on both demand and finances for the service



3. Changing the thresholds

- Included within Build Back Better our plan for Health and Social Care alongside the Care Cap
- Increases the current threshold from £23,250 to £100,000
- Increases the lower limit from £14,250 to £20,000
- Introduced from October 2023 with expectation that Local Authorities plan early to identify those that may be eligible
- Introduces a care account for individuals to track progress to the upper and lower limits
- Links to eligibility for care so impacts on workforceassessments and care planning as well as financially as more people access services



4. Liberty Protection Safeguards

- Previously Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Reviewed and extended in March 2017
- Implementation delayed now expected 2023
- Public Consultation on the Code of Practice
- Demand and capacity considerations
- Workforce implications as it introduces new roles, responsibilities and extends the scope to 16- 18 yr olds
- Applies irrespective of settings



5. CQC Assurance of Social Care

- Introduced as part of The Health & Social Care Act 2022
- Places a new duty on CQC to review how local authorities deliver certain adult social care functions, under part 1 of the Care Act 2014
- Gives new powers to allow the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to intervene in local authorities to secure improvement
- 4 key themes to the assurance process although work in progress
 - Working with People
 - Providing Support
 - Ensuring Safety
 - Leadership and Workforce
- Also introduces requirement for CQC assurance for the ICS



How HOSC can work with us

- Preparation for the CQC Assurance
 - We are reviewing a number of key processes including managing quality in commissioned services, managing demand for support, and user experience
 - Opportunity to engage SB5 in supporting this preparatory work
- Other reforms
 - Much will be prescribed but HOSC can have valuable role in assurance of implementation

