

# Adult Social Care The reform agenda

Scrutiny Board 5

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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



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## People at the Heart of Care

Adult Social Care Reform White Paper

CP 560

Published December 2021



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## Joining up care for people, places and populations

PUBLICATION: 09 FEBRUARY 2022

The government's proposals for health and care integration

# Reforms

HM Government

## BUILD BACK BETTER.

Our plan for health and social care



## The Health and Care Act 2022: our work to inform and make sense of the legislation



[kingsfund.org.uk/projects](https://kingsfund.org.uk/projects)

[www.coventry.gov.uk](https://www.coventry.gov.uk)

# 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 workforce-assessments 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