

The future of social care – making the money work

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A Fair Deal in Social Care – how far have we come?

A consensus on values:

- Treating people with dignity and respect
- Promoting independence
- Personalisation enabling people to have choice and control
- Making sure that there is a greater opportunity for people to have a good life
- Providing funding to enable these things where people do not have the means to pay for the necessary services themselves
- 'These values have been promulgated and owned by enough people to make the sort of changes which mean that we are contemplating a system enshrined in law that espouses the wellbeing of service users and carers.'

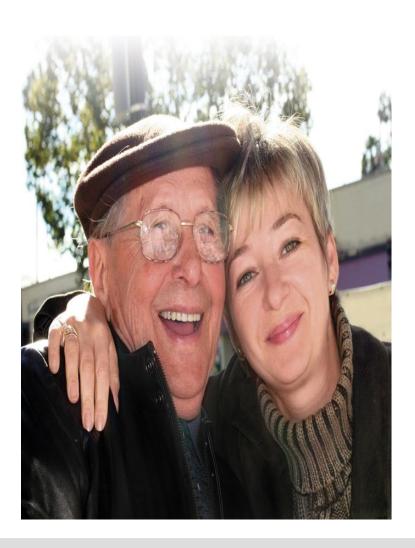


The Vision for Social Care

- A care system which seeks through prevention to keep people as independent as possible using:
 - good advice and information
 - preventative approaches such as reablement and enablement
 - personal budgets which provide as much choice and control as possible for service users and carers
- Strong momentum for joining up commissioning, and where appropriate, provision with health and other services such as housing
- Building community capacity using the strengths of communities, the voluntary sector and corporate responsibility of business in sharing responsibility and balancing the responsibilities of the state, communities and individuals.

Key priorities





- Implementation of Care Bill
- Joining up health and social care
- Commissioning for better outcomes
- Financial sustainability
- Quality and safeguarding
- Sector led improvement



What next – The Care Bill

Care Bill: major changes and reforms – 3 broad areas:

1. Social care

- focus on prevention & well-being
- national minimum eligibility criteria
- legal reform
- statutory duty to safeguard adults
- market shaping
- personalisation
- transitions



What next – The Care Bill (2)

2. Financial

- introduction of cap on care costs (£72,000)
- o increase of upper threshold for state support (£118,000)
- free care for those with needs prior to 18
- universal deferred payments scheme
- living expenses in residential care (£12,000 per year)
- introduction of care accounts



What next – The Care Bill (3)

- 3. Integration with health aim to integrate services by 2018
- o 111 pioneer bids
- 14 pioneers
- Better Care Fund £3.8billion but over £5billion has been included
- Focus on meeting the needs of older people with long term conditions –
 30% of whom may not need to be in hospital
- Extension of Personal Budgets to the Health Service
- Integrated commissioning for younger adults with complex needs, eg.
 Winterbourne View
- Importance of housing and support as well as health and social care



Financial sustainability

- Challenge of meeting increased need with reducing resources do we have enough money for the Care Bill?
- Over recent months various reports Nuffield Trust, Barker Commission, National Audit Office
- 'Pressures on the care system are increasing. Providing adequate social care poses a significant public service challenge and there are no easy answers...the need for care is rising while public spending is falling and there is unmet need.' (National Audit Office)



Financial sustainability (2)

- £2.68billion saved (ADASS budget survey)
- Significant innovative change implemented
- Need to use all the best examples of working in partnership
- Need national debate about sustainable financial future
- Care Bill is an opportunity to build a platform for the future, albeit in tough times



Implications for NAFAO

- Significant role in Deferred Payments in 2015/16
- Peak of financial assessments as we set up care accounts
- Continued move towards Direct Payments and Personalisation
- Changes arising from extension of Personal Budgets to Health
- Increased scrutiny of payment processes following the Care Bill, eg. 'top-ups'
- Development of technical and IT solutions to manage in complexity and efficiency
- Added dimension of mental capacity issues, particularly given recent Supreme Court ruling

The world isn't getting any simpler!



Summary

- Tough financial climate money reducing and needs increasing
- Significant contribution of financial assessment colleagues
- Strong consensus on the principles and values in the Care Bill opportunity to build a platform for the future
- Irreversible momentum for joining up health and social care
- Huge focus on local authority commissioning and impact on quality
- Conscious of the challenges but excited about opportunities ahead





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