

# 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)
- 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

- 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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