

Care and Support and You

Introduction to the Care Act 2014



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About this information session

- There will be a 10 minute presentation including a short film
- Then its your chance to ask questions (10-15 minutes)
- Then its individual question time (5 -10 minutes)
- We will finish on the hour



What is Care and Support?

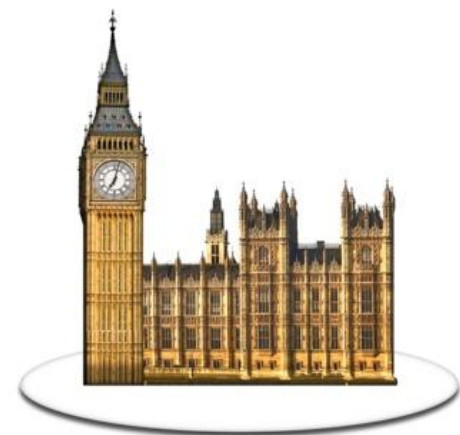
It varies from person to person but can include help with things like:

- getting out of bed, dressed or washed
- eating or cooking meals
- seeing friends and family
- caring for family and friends



What's happening and when?

- From April 2015, care and support services in England are changing for the better
- If you receive care and support, or you support a family member or friend, you could benefit from the changes
- Let's watch the video to find out more...



From April 2015

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What are the main changes?

Your support needs

- All Councils must try to stop, delay or reduce people's need for care and support in the first place
- They must provide you with information and advice about local services to help you stay independent, safe and well
- And make sure there are different care and support services in your area to choose from
- There will be nationally agreed set of care and support needs that all Councils will consider when they assess what help they can offer you



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Your support needs

- If you need care and support, you will be in control of decisions that affect you
- You will be involved in putting together a care plan tailored to your needs and what is important to you
- You will also know how much money is spent on your care and you will have more control over how it's spent
- If you move to another area, councils will have to work together to make sure that there is no gap in your care when you move



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Support for carers

- If you care for a family member or friend, you may be able to get help to carry on caring
- You will be entitled to a carer's assessment which will work out how best to support you to do the things that are important to you
- If the assessment says you can get support, you will be offered a personal budget to spend on the things that make caring easier for you like having a short break



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Paying for Care and Support

- You will have to pay something towards most sorts of care and support if you have enough money
- You can ask the Council to check your money to see how much money you can afford to pay
- If you own your own home, you will be able to delay selling it to pay for any care home fees if you make an agreement with the Council



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Paying for Care and Support

- From 2016 you will never have to pay more than £72,000 for your care costs
- We will keep an account of your spend and tell you when you have spent £72,000



What we are doing in Kingston

- Working in Partnership
- Making sure you can get good quality information and advice
- Developing prevention services



More information



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