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The Care Act

The changes and who it affects

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The Care Act

- Stakeholders
- Key elements
- Timescales
- The wider context

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Stakeholders – who will be affected?

- Adult social care service users
 - Those eligible for social care support
 - Self funders
 - People with lower level needs
- Carers
- Voluntary and community sector groups
- Partner agencies
- Providers

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Key elements – by April 2015 (1)



- Comprehensive Information, Advice and Guidance service regardless of financial status
- Financial advice and advocacy
- Right to assessment for all adults, including carers
- New eligibility criteria nationwide
- Ability to transfer care plan across county boundaries

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Key elements – by April 2015 (2)

- Legal framework for safeguarding
- Prevention services
- Offer of a universal Deferred payments scheme

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Key elements – by April 2015 (3)

- Personal budgets for everyone
- Young people in transition
- New duties – care and support for prisoners

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Key elements – by April 2016

- Cap on care fees - £72,000
 - Excluding 'hotel' costs, proposed @ £12,000 per annum
- Care Accounts to record progression to Cap
- Financial eligibility threshold changes
 - Between £14,250 to £23,250 today
 - Between £17,000 to £118,000 April 2016

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Integrated services

- Better Care Fund
 - Improved working between health and social care
 - Joined up care and support to individuals
 - Pooling of financial resources – not new money but better working and financial agreement

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Quality of Care

- New ratings system to be developed by the Care Quality Commission for health and social care services
- CQC and Monitor to have more powers to deal with failing NHS Trusts and 'financially risky' providers
- Local authorities will have the responsibility for failing social care providers.

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Impact

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Further information

- BCC website will be kept up to date
www.buckscc.gov.uk
- Fact sheets from the government website
www.gov.uk/publications
- Nationwide public campaign begins November 2014