



Rutland
County Council

Care Act 2014





The Care Act 2014

- The Care Act is a new law about care and support in England for adults.
- The Care Act will bring all previous law together to make one new law, there will be simple rules and guidance about the law which say-
 - **What people should be able to get**
 - **What Councils will have to do**
- The Act is in three parts-
 - **Care and Support**
 - **Care Standards**
 - **Health**

**Guidance – is information to tell Councils how to use the Care Act properly*



What is Care & Support?

Care and support means lots of different things for different people, it depends on what you need but it can include things like –

- **Help to get out of bed, get dressed or washed.**
 - **Help with eating or cooking meals**
 - **Help seeing friends and family**
 - **Help with caring for others**
- Care and support comes from lots of different people, family, friends & people in the community.
- The government help to pay for some care and support depending how much money they have .



New Responsibilities

Well-Being

- Local Councils must have services to meet different peoples needs.
- They must always think about your well being.

Stopping problems before they start-

- Local Councils must think about services that stop problems before they start, or stop them from getting worse as early as possible.
- Councils must have these services for everyone who is suitable.



New Responsibilities

Information & Advice

- Local Councils must have good information to help people choose the right care and support.
- The information and advice needs to be available to everyone who wants it and not just people who have their care and support paid for by the council.



Having All The Services People Need

Local Councils must-

- Make sure there are lots of different care and support services in their area.
- Must plan services, thinking about well-being and what is important to people who use them.
- Must think about services having the right staff and enough money to give good support.
- Must work with people who use services and other organisations to plan the right services.
- Must understand what you need and have plans about services that give good support.



Assessment:

- When an individual firsts get in touch with the council, they will check to see what they need, this is called an assessment.
- The law says a carer can have an assessment too, even if the council think they or the person they care for can pay for their support.

Independent Advocacy

- Councils must involve the individual in assessments and in planning and checking their care and support.
- If someone finds it difficult to be involved and there is no-one else to speak the Council must find them an independent advocate.
- An independent advocate is someone who understands what is important to the individual and speaks up for them, or supports the individual to speak for themselves.



Person-centred Care and Support-

- Person-centred care is when people understand what is important to the individual and give them the right care and support to do things you want.

Care & Support plans-

- Care and support plans say how people will support each individual in the things that are important to them.

Paying for your Care and Support-

- Individuals will have to pay for most sorts of care and support if they have enough money.
- The council will check and see how much money they have and ask them to pay what they can afford.



Understanding Care & Support people need

Personal Budgets-

- A personal budget is the money used to buy a person's care.
- It helps the individual know how much different services cost and choose how the money is spent.

Direct Payments-

- The individual can choose to take some (or all) of their personal budget as a direct payment.
- This means the individual, or someone else is given the money to spend on the care and support the individual chooses.

Selling your home to pay for care-

- If the individual owns their own home they will not have to sell it to pay for care straight away if they make an agreement with the Council.



Understanding Care & Support people need

Services working together

- Services need to get better at working together to give good care and support.

Working with NHS services

- Councils cannot give healthcare that you should get from the NHS.

Care when you leave hospital

- If you need care from the Council to stay safe when you leave hospital this needs to be ready on time.

Housing Services

- Having the right place to live can be an important part of an individuals care and support.



Understanding Care & Support people need

Work and having a job

- Councils must think about education, training and work when they look at the care and support an individual needs.

Moving from child services to adult

- Before someone is 18, councils need to help them and their carers plan for the future and the support they might need as an adult.

Prison services

- The new law states that local councils must assess and give care and support to people in prisons in their area or by other services if they are sent to court)



Understanding Care & Support People Need

Asking other organisations to do the work

- Councils can ask other organisations to do things the law says they must do. It is their job to check they do it properly.

Keeping adults safe

- This is the first time a law has been put in place telling councils what to do to help keep adults safe from abuse or neglect.

Moving to a different area

- The council where you usually live must plan and pay for your care and support if you meet the rules for getting a service.

Making sure you still get care

- If a person moves to a new area the council must carry on meeting their needs straight away, as long as they have been informed the person is arriving.



Understanding Care & Support People Need

If your council finds you somewhere new to live-

- If your council finds you somewhere else to live in another area they must keep meeting the individuals needs, just as if they were still living in the area.

Lists of people who need care and support-

- Each council must have a list of people in their area who cannot see well or are blind, so it is easier for them to get services.