



Department
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Care Act 2014

Key Points

- Designed to combine the current laws related to adult social care into one Act
- Creates a legal framework that is clear and easy to navigate
- Modernises the law not only to meet eligible need, but to focus on putting the person in control of their life and to achieve the outcomes they have identified are important to them
- Creates duty for local authorities to provide accessible advice, information and independent advocacy
- Includes new responsibilities which include promoting people's wellbeing, and focusing on prevention and early intervention
- Introduces national eligibility criteria
- Carers have equity with the cared for in respect of assessment and support
- Creates a new duty to undertake assessments on people serving a custodial sentence
- The national eligibility criteria set a minimum threshold for adult care and support needs & carer support needs which must be met

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