

THE CARE ACT 2014: A TEN POINT SUMMARY OF THE KEY REFORMS

1. Adults' well-being, and outcomes, is at the centre of every decision.
2. Focus on preventing and delaying needs, and integration and partnership working is reinforced.
3. Carers placed on same footing as those they care for.
4. Embedding the right to choice through care plans and personal budgets.
5. New national eligibility criteria.
6. From April 2016, a ceiling on care costs incurred by adults.
7. Deferred payments scheme with wider range of opportunities.
8. Self-funders entitled to ask the local authority to procure services to meet their needs.
9. Places adult safeguarding on a statutory footing;
10. Extends the opportunity for independent advocacy.