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Information Sheet



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- The key law in England referring to citizens rights and entitlement to Adult Social Care is called The Care Act 2014
- Anybody can ask for a Care Act assessment- the Local Authority has a duty to assess
- Your eligibility for social care is based on the Care Act Wellbeing Outcomes, which are:
  - Managing and maintaining nutrition
  - Maintaining personal hygiene
  - Managing toilet needs
  - Being appropriately clothed
  - Being able to make use of the home safely.
  - Maintaining a habitable home environment
  - Developing and maintaining family or other personal relationships
  - Accessing and engaging in work, training, education, or volunteering.
  - Making use of necessary facilities or services in the local community, including public transport, and recreational facilities or services
  - Carrying out any caring responsibilities the adult has for a child
- You can involve somebody you have chosen to support you with the Social Care process (this is called an appropriate individual). If you do not have anybody to support you, the Local Authority has a duty to provide an independent advocate
- If your Care Act assessment shows that you are eligible for Social Care support, a financial assessment will be carried out to determine how much you need to contribute to the cost of their care
- If you have Disability Related Expenditure (DRE) as part of your day to day living costs, this should be taken into account as part of the financial assessment

- Any health-assessed needs should not be means-tested (and therefore you not required to contribute to the cost of these)
- After the assessment, you should be given information about the options to arrange your support which include Commissioned Support; Managed account, A Personal Budget and A Direct Payment. In some areas local authorities and are providing Individual Service Funds.
- You can choose how you would like your support to be arranged, and your social worker should work with you to develop a support plan so that this can happen

Imagineer provides Support Brokerage to people who want to Self Direct their own support arrangements.

If you would like to speak to a Support Broker, please email: [info@imagineer](mailto:info@imagineer) and tell us when and how to contact you for a follow-up conversation.