



The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Partners and voluntary sector briefing – Local consultation on the implementation of the Care Act

From April 2015, care and support in England is changing for the better. The Care Act will help to make care and support more consistent across the country and will introduce a number of reforms that primarily impact existing and new care users, their carers and families.

There is a handy factsheet which provides some additional background on the Care Act and what it means for people in RBWM. This can be found [here](#).

The way that some parts of the Care Act will be delivered is decided nationally, but we can decide locally on some areas. We are holding a public consultation so that residents can give their views on our proposals before we make any changes. We will use the responses to help us to decide if the proposals go ahead.

The consultation will cover a number of financial and charging discretions that we have, and will cover the following topics:

- Charging for residential care
- Development of the deferred payment scheme
- Charging self funders for support planning and brokerage services
- Further development of the Direct Payment scheme
- Charging for Preventative services
- Disability Related Expenditure

The consultation runs from **Monday 5th January 2015 to Monday 2nd March 2015**. You can find out more detail about our proposals by reviewing the information on the RBWM website http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/social_care_act_consultation.htm

Please cascade the information about the consultation to your networks and encourage the people you work with to respond to the survey. If you have any queries about the consultation process please contact the **Advice and Information Team on 01628 683744**.

Have your say at http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/social_care_act_consultation.htm

Residents will be able to contribute towards the consultation in a number of ways:

- 1 Completing the feedback form online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RBWM-Care-Act-Consultation>
- 2 By post, detaching and returning the feedback form in the consultation pack to:
Care Act Consultation
Adult Social Services
York House
Sheet Street
Windsor
SL4 1DD
- 3 Contacting Healthwatch for support with sharing their views by calling **01753 851725**. Healthwatch is an independent organisation that helps local people have a voice about health and social care services.

There are also a number of events taking place in January and February 2015 that residents can attend to hear more about the Care Act and our plans. Additionally we would be pleased to come and explain the proposals with small groups on request.

Residents can get the details of these events or make arrangements for us to visit their group by contacting the Advice and Information Team on **01628 683744** or email careact.info@rbwm.gov.uk as soon as possible.

There are three ways for residents to get a hard copy of the consultation pack, including a feedback form:

1. Download and print a full pack at the bottom of the page and return the feedback form to: Care Act Consultation, Adult Services, York House, Sheet Street, Windsor, SL4 1DD
2. Call the Advice and Information Team on **01628 683744** or email careact.info@rbwm.gov.uk to request a copy, or
3. Picking up a copy from one of the locations listed below or an RBWM library:

Town Hall	Adult Services	CTPLD	CMHT
St Ives Road	York House	3 Abell Gardens	4 th Floor Nicholson
Maidenhead	Sheet Street	Furze Platt Road	Nicholson's Walk
SL6 1RF	Windsor	Maidenhead	Maidenhead
	SL4 1DD	SL6 6PS	SL6 1LD

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