The journey so far in Health and Social Care reform

Cost of Care Act event
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The story so far......

- 2011 Law Commission Report
- 2012 Draft Care & Support Bill published for consultation
- 2013 Joint Select Committee Scrutiny Report March 2013
- 2013 Care Bill introduced into Parliament (June)
- 2014 Royal Assent 14 May 2014
- April 2015 Partial implementation
- April 2016 The Dilnot (cap on care costs) reforms to be implemented.
Legislation to be repealed includes:

- National Assistance Act 1948
- Health Services & Public Health Act 1968
- Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (but only for adults)
- Health & Social Services & Social Security Adjudications Act 1983
- Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986
- NHS & Community Care Act 1990
- Carers Acts
- Health & Social Care Act 2001 (the Act that concerns Direct Payments)
The Care Act 2014 - What is Changing?

In forecasting demand and managing expectations, let’s consider what the national publicity says ..........

The main changes to care and support will be:

- a national level of care and support needs across all councils
- councils having to work together to make sure you don’t have a gap in your care if you move to another area in England
- more help for carers
- deferred payment agreements extended to all of England (so you shouldn’t have to sell your home in your lifetime to pay for your care)
- protection from unlimited care costs (‘cap on care costs’)

You could benefit from the changes if you:

- receive care and support
- support someone as a carer
- are planning for future care and support
Councils have been given grants for

- Early Assessments
- Deferred Payment Agreements
- Carers and Care Act Implementation

& there is the Better Care Fund to consider
The Better Care Fund

The BCF supports the allocation of funding for the Care Act across the following headings:

• Personalisation
• Carers
• Information advice and support
• Quality
• Safeguarding
• Assessment and eligibility
• Veterans
• Law reform
• Advocacy
• Impact of DWP policies on councils and providers

and

• Capital Care Act funding for IT systems
What are the challenges for us

Need to focus on the Well-being principle in the Act & How do we record and evidence this (and encourage partners to do their bit........)

The culture shift that is required for an asset based approach

Increased demand for assessments (including Carers and self funders)

Reviews and financial assessments

The impact of national eligibility criteria when people move from one Council to another

Carers costs linked to ordinarily resident criteria

Volume of Carers assessments and meeting eligible need

Balancing spend on prevention with commitments to meet newly eligible needs
And some more ..........

System developments and implementation including:
• Deferred Payments
• Supported Self Assessments (incl. online)
• Accessibility of Information, Advice and Guidance
• Preparing for Care Accounts, differing start dates, some retrospective some not

Training of staff across the whole system

Impact of Phase 2 of the Care Act – the Cap on Care Costs

Impact on Care Market of the disaggregation of care and living costs

New responsibilities around market failure
and there are Opportunities too

The duty to Co-operate contained in the Act

Developing the role of communities in giving information advice and guidance

Whole family approach

Better, more universal support and information for Carers

Closer working between Adults and Children’s Services, Health and Housing

Joint commissioning and pooled budgets

One person – one plan

etc etc............
Impact Assessment information for Phase 1 of the Care Act is available on


Thank You

Any Questions or Comments?