

Adult Social Care Reforms: Fair Cost of Care

People Overview & Scrutiny Committee Update

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Health and Care Act 2022 Reforms

Build Back Better: Gov. Plan for Health and Social Care

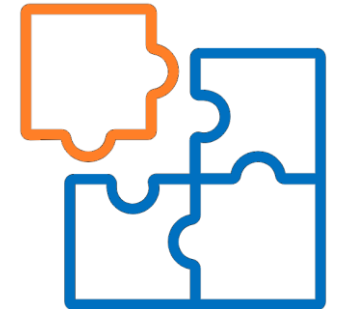
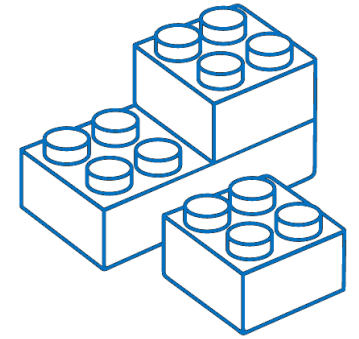
- Implementation of a cap (Part 2 of Care Act) on personal care costs
- CQC Assurance for Local Government
- Integration with the NHS
- Legislation changes including Liberty Protection Standards and proposed review of the Mental Health Act

Fair Cost of Care (FCC)

- An exercise to look at the fair and sustainable cost of care.
- Uses government approved tools and methodology to deliver FCC
- Applies to Care Homes for 65+ years and Home Care for 18+ years
- Interacts with the impacts of Care Cap and Section 18(3)

Market Sustainability

- Duty to publish Market Sustainability Plan (MSP) responding to FCC



What Is The Timetable?

Build Back Better

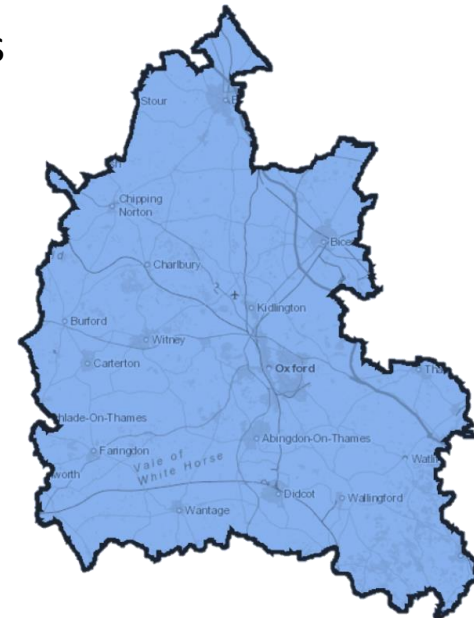
- Care Cap in place from October 2023
 - Care assessments may need to start from April 2023 to manage demand to avoid an October peak (and review peak).
- Financial Assistance in place from October 2023
 - Financial assessments may need to start earlier (April 2023).
- Improved integration with health – ongoing Integrated Care Systems (ICS) discussions

Fair Cost of Care

- Process starting now – external firm to support. Submission due 14 October 2022

Oxfordshire – FCC Scope and Scale

- Last year the Oxfordshire Way transformation programme delivered a 45% reduction in waiting lists. Achieved:
 - 10,186 Care Act assessments
 - 4,851 reviews
 - 994 people are awaiting a Care Act Assessment with the longest wait currently 15 weeks
- High proportion of self-funders (c.55% of cared for population)
 - All self-funders will be able to request Care Act Assessments / reviews and initiate Care Account to begin metering costs towards the care cap – creating **50% more demand for social work / Care Act assessment**
 - c.85% of current self-funders may be eligible for financial support under the reforms
 - Currently this is approximately **3,000 home care** self-funders and **2,000 care home** self funders
- Market Sustainability
 - Current self-funders may seek to access care at council rates (which are currently lower than private fees) causing financial instability for providers * see note
 - Registered providers: 119 Care at Home; 136 Care Homes
 - People care provided to: 4,922 Care at Home; 4,318 in Care Homes
 - Council or Health funded: 1,475 Care at Home; 2,012 in Care Homes
 - Council currently commissioning 24,492 hours of home care per week



Milestones

Date	Milestone
20/05/22	Project Initiation – FCOC Board stood up
27/05/22	Request For Quote (RFQ) Issued
17/06/22	Award of Contract
29/07/22	Data collection complete
Sep 2022	Internal sign-off of FCOC report and Draft Market Sustainability Plan
14/10/22	Submission to DHSC of FCOC report, Draft Market Sustainability Plan and Spend Report
Autumn 2022	Publication of FCOC report
February 2023	Submission of Final Market Sustainability Plan
Spring 2023	Publication of Final Market Sustainability Plan

Activities so far

- Analysis of policy guidance and tools available
- Information gathering on comparative impact for Oxfordshire
- Initial communications with provider sector
- FCC board established (OCC internal) – meeting weekly
- Development of specification and process for selecting a partner to deliver the FCC exercise
- Invitation to bid for the work published (closes 15-6-22)
- Recruitment of programme manager for ASC Reform
- Recruitment of project manager for FCC ongoing

Assurance

Initial work

Provision of additional capacity to complete an initial baseline assessment/statement of readiness of Oxfordshire County Council Adult Social Care functions as part of preparation for CQC Assurance and the development of the appropriate governance arrangements and high level for any subsequent further improvement work

Key Deliverables

Increased knowledge and awareness across the council and key stakeholders in relation to Adult Social Care Reforms including:

- Care Market
- NHS partners
- Voluntary Sector partners including Health Watch, Carer representative groups, Service user led organisations
- Elected Members County and District

This initial work will be concluded by the 10th June after which outcomes will be incorporated into the transformation plans

CQC Assurance – what it tests

We are preparing for the introduction of the new CQC assurance framework from April 2023 and are involved in the co-production of the framework currently being finalised by the CQC. We have begun our self-assessment to establish the baseline for readiness and started gathering evidence in support of the draft quality statements.

Approach and content not yet finalised but will be aligned with Care Act and likely to include:

Theme 1

- How Local Authorities work with people
- How Local Authorities provide support

Theme 2

- How Local Authorities ensure safety within the system

Theme 3

- Leadership capability within Local Authorities

Domains:

- Responsive
- Effective
- Safe
- Well Led

Next steps for Reform preparation

Design and implement an Adult Social Care Reform Programme to include:

- Fair Cost of Care
- Care Cap and revised Means Test
- Supported Housing
- CQC Assurance
- Workforce Development
- Market Sustainability and Development
- Digital Development
- Liberty Protection Safeguards

To be aligned with:

- ICS and Integration
- Commissioning Plan/HESC Implementation
- Corporate transformation projects

Build/Integrate on existing capacity to deliver including:

- Virtual integrated team to include stakeholders from across the council
- Recruiting additional capacity to include project and programme management