

# **SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CARE TOGETHER**

The Green Paper on Care and Support

Adults Social Services Policy Overview Committee  
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# Policy Context and the main issues

- The Care System is not consistent
- The system can seem unfair
- The care people receive varies from area to area (the 'postcode' lottery)
- The system can be confusing
- Impact of demographic changes
- Changing Public Expectations

# 6 Key Proposals

What people should be able to expect



# People who need care can get it regardless of where they live

## Through:

- A National and Portable Assessment
- National Eligibility Criteria
- A set proportion of the funding of care is paid by the state

# Who decides how much funding people will receive?

## Either:

- Part National/Part Local
  - Local Authority decide how much to be spent on care
- Fully national system
  - Government would decide how much to be spent on care
  - Implications for Local Government finance and systems

# 5 ways to fund the National Care Service

1. Pay For Yourself – ruled out
2. Partnership
3. Insurance
4. Comprehensive
5. Tax Funded – ruled out

Proposals do not include accommodation costs (i.e. rent, mortgages, domestic bills)

# **Different ways for people to contribute:**

## **In the short term:**

- Lump sum on retirement
- Defer state pension
- Instalments throughout retirement
- Pay out of estate (defer until death)
- Or a mixture of the options

## **In the longer term:**

- Regular contributions throughout working life

# Consultation Question 1

We want to build a **National Care Service** that is **fair**, **simple** and **affordable**. We think that in this new system there are **6** things you should be able to expect:

1. Prevention services
2. National assessment
3. A joined-up service
4. Information and advice
5. Personalised care and support
6. Fair funding:
  - a) Is there anything missing from this approach?
  - b) How should this work?

## Consultation Question 2

We think that, in order to make the **National Care Service** work, we will need services that are **joined up**, that give you **choice around the kind of care and support you get**, and are **high quality**.

- a) Do you agree?
- b) What would this look like in practice?
- c) What are the barriers to make this happen?

## Consultation Question 3

The Government is suggesting three ways in which the **National Care Service** could be funded in the future:

- **Partnership**

- **Insurance**

- **Comprehensive**

a) Which of these options do you prefer, and why?

b) Should Local Government say how much money people get depending on the situation in their area, or should National Government decide?

## Next steps:

- Adult Services Policy Overview Committee Debate  
- **22 September 2009**
- Report to Cabinet – **12 October 2009**
- County Council Debate – **15 October 2009**
- Kent Response – **13 November 2009**

# THANK YOU

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