



Department
of Health &
Social Care

CARE



Easy read about a new team of people looking at how to make support for adults in England better

This document is about the team of people and
what they will do.





About this document

We are the government.



We want to change support for adults to make it better and fairer for everyone.

This support for adults is called **adult social care**.



This is when adults get support from staff, family and friends to do important things like:

- live at home.
- get washed and dressed.
- cook food.
- find a job or do things they enjoy.



The government has asked a new team of people to look at how to make support for adults better and fairer for everyone in England.

The new team of people is called the **independent commission into adult social care.**



The person in charge of the new team of people is called Baroness Casey.



This document is about what the team of people will work on.

But the team of people is not part of the government.

That means it is up to them how they do their work.



The team of people will work with many people across the country to find out what they think about support for adults.

That includes:

- people who get support and their families.
- staff who give people support.
- people who know a lot about support for adults.
- people from different political parties.



The team of people will need to speak to different parts of the government about what they find out.



The government will give the team of people all the information they need to do their work.



What the new team of people will do

The team of people will do their work between now and 2028.

They will do their work in 2 different parts.



Part 1

The team of people should do this part of the work in 2026.

This work is about making a plan.



The plan is about how to start a new way to give support to adults in England, called a **national care service**.



This will help all adults to get the support they need.

That means adults of all ages.
That means making sure people get the right support.



It means helping to stop big problems before they start.



It also means making sure that people who get support and their families have more say in what happens.



This work will happen at the same time as other work the government is doing.

For example, work is happening to make the NHS and local councils better.



Work is also happening to make life better for staff who give people support.

For example, by making sure they are paid fairly and have more rights at work.



The government also wants to make sure that people do not have to wait more than 18 weeks for some healthcare.

Like some tests, operations and cancer treatments.



And the government wants to make sure that people can get more care at home or near home.

How the new team of people will do this work



The team of people should get information from many people in the country.

Like people who get support and the people who care for them.



The team of people should find out things like:

- what support for adults is like at the moment.
- what problems there are with the support.
- what support for adults should be like. That means now and in the future.
- what older people and disabled people need.
- how money for support is being used at the moment.
That means money from local councils and the NHS.
- how money for support can be used in the best way.
This is to make sure that everyone gets good support that works well.



A list of things to do

The team of people should make a list of things that they think should happen first.



The things must not cost too much money.

That means the list of things for this part of the work must not cost more than the government has to spend.



Part 2

Looking at how support needs to change in the future.

The team of people should do this part of the work by 2028.



This work is carrying on from part 1. It is about looking at what needs to change further into the future.

The team of people should look at how to make support for adults work well when other changes happen.

For example, many people may live longer in the future.



Support for adults should also be fair for everyone.

And it should not cost too much for people getting support or for the country.



The team of people should make another list of things to do for this part of the work.