Adult social care – challenges and change

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More people ask for support, fewer get it



But big differences by age...

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More requests from working age adults, fewer from older people

Per 100,000 population, requests for social care have fallen for older people but increased for working age adults requests for support from new clients per 100,000 population, indexed to 2015/16 1.06 18-641.04 1.02 1.00 0.98 65+ 0.96 0.94 2015/16 2017/18 2016/17

Working age adults also more likely to receive social care support







Changes in need



Public perception



Signposting away



Change in awareness



Financial eligibility

The means test has got meaner



Spending is below 2010/11 in real terms





The mixed picture on carer support

While fewer carers get support from councils, more claim Carers Allowance





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Some positives

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The quality of care is rising. Probably.

The percentage of care services rated outstanding or good has been increasing



State funded service users remain satisfied...

User satisfaction with services is remarkably consistent over time



Political change

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Recent proposed reforms

Government-initiated proposals					Recent independent proposals		
	Brown 2010	Burnham 2010	Dilnot 2011	Conservative election proposals 2017	IPPR and others 2018/19 (based on Kings Fund/ Health Foundation analysis).	Green/ CPS 2019	Policy Exchange 2019
Proposal	Free home care for most in need	'National Care Service'	£35k lifetime cap/£100k floor	£75k lifetime cap £100k floor Home included among assets	Free personal care	Universal Care Entitlement	Universal coverage £5k annual cap
Cost	£670m (2010 prices)	?	£3.6bn by 2025/26; £2.3bn by 2025/26 with £72k cap and £118k floor as adopted by govt.	?	£14bn by 2030/31	Claims £2.5bn (but heavily under- costed)	£11bn (based only on estimate of current private spending)
Result	Legislated but Labour lost 2010 election so not implemented	Continues to be discussed by Labour but not fully defined.	Legislated for 2016. Postponed and then abandoned.	Apparently abandoned after 2017 election result.	Adopted by Labour Party 2019		

'Social care funding' in Parliamentary debate

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"This is one area, it is clear, where the state has a significant role to play. It is far better to pool risk and for the taxpayer, where appropriate, to step in and help those who would face ruinous costs on their own, making social care largely free at the point of use. This is something we can afford as a nation, as Sir Andrew Dilnot and others have pointed out, if we can only get our priorities right.."

> Jacob Rees-Mogg What do we want from the next Prime Minister, Policy Exchange, June 2019

Doing nothing is *always* an option

"I don't want [our children] brought up in a country where the only way pensioners can get long-term care is by selling their home." "My job is to protect you or your parents or grandparents from the fear of having to sell your home to pay for the cost of care."

Tony Blair PM, 1997

Boris Johnson, 2019

Thank you

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