

Statement on social care funding and support



Easy read statement

What is social care?



Social care can be all sorts of things.



It can be personal care and help in the home, but can also be support to have friends, relationships, get out and about, have a job.

What is going on in social care?



Social care is faced with big problems.



Since 2010 lots of cuts have been made to the money that councils get for social care.



This has affected many people with learning disabilities and autism and sight loss, who would like support from social care.



Some people get less support now.

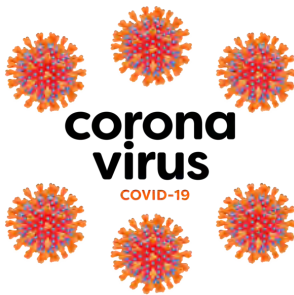
And some people get no support at all.



Some people end up needing to go into hospital and then these can end up becoming someone's home.



It also means there are not enough people working in social care and not enough money to pay people well.



A lot of these problems have been made worse during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Disabled people felt more alone or as if their support didn't matter as much.



Now disabled people are very worried about the cost of living and their bills too.

What is the government doing?



The government now has a plan on how social care and how it can better support people.



But there still won't be enough money for social care, and there is nothing about better pay for care and support workers.

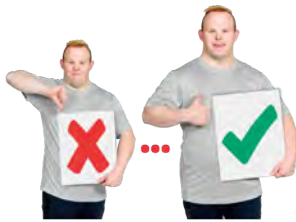
What does SeeAbility want to see change?



When people talk about social care they only have half the story.



They may not realise working age people also make use of social care and it's not just there to help the NHS.



There is a lot that needs to change in social care.



With help from the people that SeeAbility supports, we have **ten** ideas.

Our ten ideas are:



1. Make sure social care has the money it needs now so that disabled people are supported.

Value social care and support staff so they are better paid.



2. Respect people's human rights and right to have a good life.

That's what social care should be all about.



We support Social Care Futures and a new vision for social care.



3. Stop people's needs getting worse and leaving some people living in hospitals as a home.



Look at Learning Disability England's Good Lives Framework on what can be done.



4. Raise money nationally to help social care rather than making people pay in person, or through council tax.



5. Protect the money going into social care as a country, so we know how much money there is and how it is being spent.



6. Make sure anyone that needs health and social care has a paid person to help them access all the different services they need.



7. Give people a voice which means more money and support for self advocacy and one to one advocacy.



8. Make sure the Care Quality Commission looks into how councils run and pay for social care to be provided.



9. Better data and information on care and support for people with learning disabilities, autism and sight loss.



10. Raise awareness of the sight problems people with learning disabilities have in social care, so they get the right support.



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