

Easy read statement on social care funding and support



Easy read guide

What is social care?



Social care can be all sorts of things.



It can be personal care and help in the home.



It can also be support to have friends, relationships, go out or have a job.

What is going on in social care?



Social care has some big problems.



Since the year 2010, lots of cuts have been made to the money that councils get.



This has affected many people with disabilities who would like support from social care.

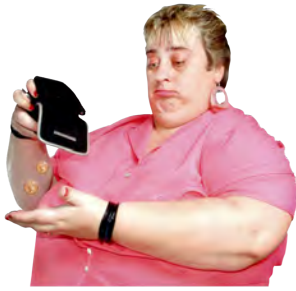


Some people get less support now.

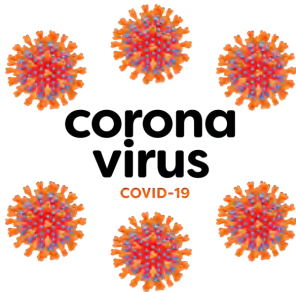
And some people get no support at all.



Some people end up needing to go into hospital, which ends up as their home.



There are not enough people working in social care and not enough money to pay people well.



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



Now lots of people with disabilities are worried about the cost of living and their benefits too.

What is the government doing?



The new Labour government says it wants to make things better.

They have asked for a report to help.



Baroness Casey is going to help them with this.

It will be called the Casey Commission.



But her work will not happen soon enough and new money is needed now.

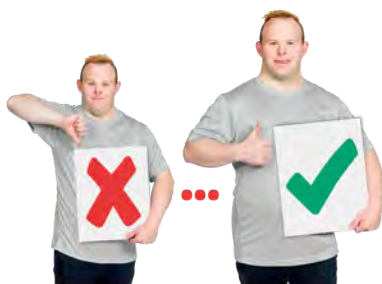


The government is also making employers pay more tax to help the NHS.



This means there is less money for employers to pay support workers.

What does SeeAbility want to see change?



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



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

Our 10 ideas are:



1. Give social care the money it needs so that people with disabilities are supported.

Pay social care and support staff better.



2. Social care should be about people's right to have a good life.



Baroness Casey should listen to people with disabilities.

People should not have to wait years for change.



3. Stop people living in hospitals.

Hospitals should only be for short stays.



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



4. Social care should be paid for by the Government, not by councils or by the person getting support.



5. Make a plan on how to employ and keep social care workers, like the NHS does.



6. Everyone who gets social care should have a person who is paid to help them access the different health and care services they need.



7. Listen to people with disabilities.

Give more money to services that help people have a voice.



8. Councils should report how they run and pay for social care.

This helps make sure money is spent in the right way.



9. Get better information on care and support for people with disabilities.



10. Raise awareness that people with learning disabilities are more likely to have a problem with their eyes, so they get the right support.

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