

What is this thing called Social Care?

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The past 100 years

- 1908 Old age pensions were introduced
- 1948 National Assistance Act
- 1950's/60's Start of the carers movement
- 1970's/80's Independent Living Movement/Social Services Departments
- 1980's/90's Care in the community – Beginnings of Community Care
- 2005 Our Health/Our Care/Our Say

What does Social Care Mean?

- Is not about health or nursing care – responsibility of NHS
- The concept of vulnerable people being cared for in the community and where ever possible in their own homes

Community Care

- A legal right to an assessment of individual needs
- A duty on council's to meet eligible assessed needs – but not automatically a “Support Package” - whole range of approaches
- BUT
- Council sets threshold for provision of care - so called “Fair Access to Care” criteria
- AND
- May charge for services – subject to means

Personalisation – the way forward

Putting People First
A shared vision and
commitment to the
transformation of social
care, December 2007

Putting individuals in control



How does it work?

Traditional Model

Assessment by professionals

Lack of transparency in the process of allocating resources; budget decided at the end

Care plan developed by professionals

SDS Model

Early supported self-assessment

Transparency in resource allocation; budget indicated at the start

Support plan designed by Individual with people or professionals of their choice