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SDS AND THE COST OF LIVING

KEY ASKS

Impact of cost of living when assessing care and support needs

- The assessment of care needs, and eligibility criteria should take into account the impact of the increased cost of living.
- Reduce / suspend / abolish non residential care charges (care contributions)



KEY ASKS

Increased flexibility for those with SDS budgets

- Allow SDS budgets to be used for increased costs of living if it is part of the person's agreed outcomes
- Increase SDS budgets in line with increased costs
- Flexibility to change support plans
- Quicker decision making processes



KEY ASKS



Local SDS Policy and Procedures

- Produce and implement local SDS plans which reflect the SDS Standards, in particular Standard 12 around flexibility of budgets.
- Social workers /local authority should promote grants / benefits that people may be entitled to.

YOUR VIEWS

Do you support the key asks?



1. Include Cost of Living as part of the assessment of risk during the assessment process
2. Update eligibility criteria to include impact of cost of living
3. Reduce, suspend or abolish care charges
4. Support increased flexibility in the use of SDS budgets to meet additional costs meeting agreed outcomes
5. Enable people to change support plans when required
6. increase SDS budgets in line with increased costs
7. Introduce quick decision making processes for SDS budgets
8. Support people to access additional sources of financial support
9. Implement expectations of the SDS Standards in local SDS policy
10. Incorporate the key asks in the updated SDS Guidance.

NEXT STEPS



Finalise SDS Collective Statement

Sign up to the statement

Share statement with local and national policy makers

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