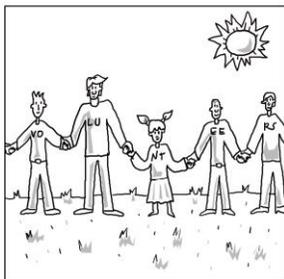


## Changing social care for adults



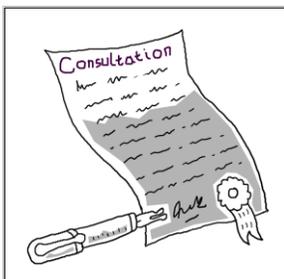
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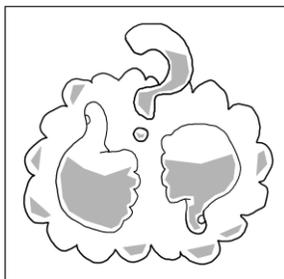
We are the Law Commission. We think about how to change rules to make them better.  
We want change the rules for **social care** for **adults**.  
**Social care** is the care a person might get from social services or the local council.



The rules at the moment are old. And they are hard for some people to understand. We want to make them better.



All our ideas for changes are written down in the **consultation paper**. You can ask us for this. But you can also read about our main ideas here.



We want to know what you think about our ideas to change care for adults. We want to know if you like them, or if you don't like them. We want to know if you have any ideas of your own about some good changes to make.

Here are some of our main ideas for changing care for adults.

### Ideas about: Putting all the rules together



Let's write down all the rules about social care for adults in one place.



Let's write a list of **main beliefs** about how adult social care should be done. We can put these **main beliefs** in the same place as the rules. A **main belief** could be, 'all adults should be able to choose how their care is done.'



Do you think this is a good or bad idea? What do you think should be a main belief?

## Ideas about: Finding out who needs care



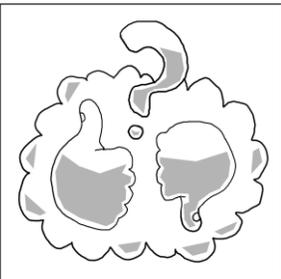
The council should do a test to check if someone needs care. This test is called an **assessment**. We think the assessment must find out a persons **needs** and **aims**.



Maybe some people should be able to decide for themselves if they need care.



Maybe there should be a rule that says how the **assessment** must be done. For example, the rule could say how much time the **assessment** should take.



Do you think these are good or bad ideas?

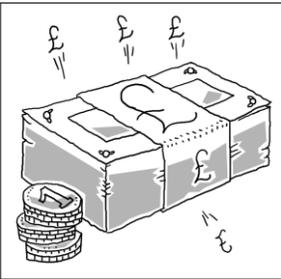
## Ideas about: Deciding who can get social care



Let's only use the **assessment** and a list of types of needs to decide if a person can get social care. This means that lots of the old rules will be thrown away. Only the **assessment** and the list of types of needs will matter.



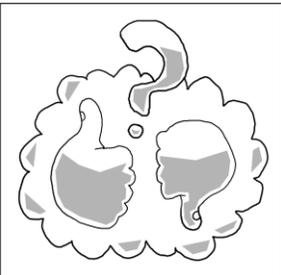
If the **assessment** says that a person needs care, then let's tell the council they have to give them care.



Let's tell the council they have to work out a set amount of money to care for each person.



Let's make sure that **carers** can get help in the same way.



Do you think these are good or bad ideas?

## Ideas about: Help for carers



Some people take care of other people. These people are called **carers**.



Let's make sure that **carers** can get help if they need it. Let's make sure that a **carer** doesn't have to ask for help. The council should find out if a carer needs help.



Do you think these are good or bad ideas? How can we tell that a person is a **carer**?

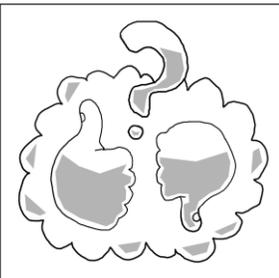
## Ideas about: Keeping adults safe



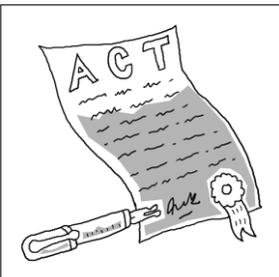
Let's tell the local council they have to find out if a person is being treated badly. Or if someone is not being cared for very well.



Let's have groups of people who's main job is to make sure adults are treated well.



Do you think these are good or bad ideas?



What about the **compulsory removal power**? This is in section 47 of the **National Assistance Act 1948**. It is about taking people from their homes. Should we get rid of the **compulsory removal power**?

## Other questions



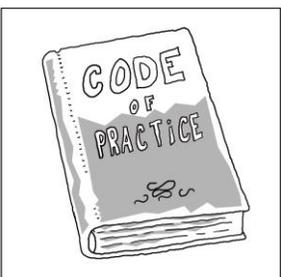
Should councils have to provide a care plan for each person?



Should we try to write down how a disabled person is different from another person?



How can we make it easy to get care even if people move to different areas?



Should there be one **code of practice** for adult social care?

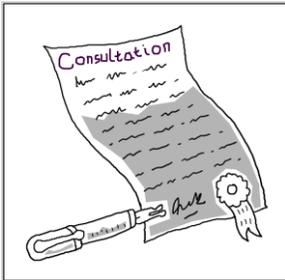


What about **section 117 of the Mental Health Act**?  
How should this be included in the rules for adult social care?

We want to know what you think about our ideas for changing adult care.



Now you have read about some of our ideas for changes. We want to know if you like our ideas for changing adult care. We want to know if you have any ideas of your own about good changes to make.



All our ideas for changes are written down in the **consultation paper**. You have already read about some of the main ideas in this leaflet.



We are asking what you think about the ideas for a fixed time only. This time is from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. We will finish asking questions about the ideas on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010



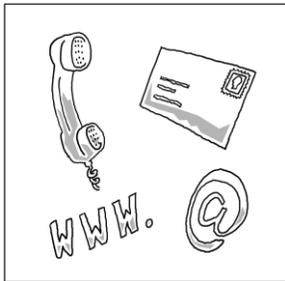
Then we will use all the ideas to make a plan. This plan will be called the **final report**. We hope we will have the **final report** ready in 2011.

## How to tell us your ideas.



We are the Law Commission. Please tell us your thoughts and ideas about social care for adults. Or set up a meeting with us and your group. You can also ask us for more information. These are the ways you can contact us.

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