

Proposed Reform to Adult Social Care 2021

- October 2021** - expect a Consultation Paper in respect of Adult Social Care charging reforms
- Later in 2021** (unspecified date) the publication of the final funding settlement for "NHS England Improvement", the delivery plan for tackling NHS backlogs
- Later in 2021** (unspecified date) - a White Paper (statements of policy often setting out proposals for legislative change which may be debated before a Bill is introduced) for reforming Social Care and integrating NHS and Social Care
- April 2022** - the introduction of the "Health & Social Care Levy" - a 1.25% levy based on National Insurance contributions
- April 2022** - an increase on the rates of Dividend Tax by 1.25%
- April 2023** - the application of the "Health & Social Care Levy" to working individuals over State Pension Age
- October 2023** - the introduction of a new £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will spend on their Personal Care* over their lifetime
- October 2023** - the introduction of the new means test for Adult Social Care in England
- Deferred Payment Agreements**
To be reviewed - unspecified timeframe.

*Personal Care refers to the physical help given to a person and any supervision and prompting of an individual to carry out daily living tasks themselves (e.g., bathing, getting dressed, feeding)

The £86,000 cap

- A cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their "Personal Care" over their lifetime
- Once the cap is reached only need to contribute towards their daily cost of living (currently not specified what this will cover)

A New Means Test - October 2023

- Anyone with assets of less than £20,000 will not have to make any contributions for their care from savings
- Assets between £20,000 and £100,000 will be eligible for some means-tested support
- The means test will be based on total eligible assets, including both the value of a person's home and their savings and their eligible income.

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