Social Care are the words used to talk about the support disabled or older people get for things like help to
- get up and dressed
- cook meals or go shopping
- see family or friends

What has happened so far
The Coalition Government said from the start that they would look at how Social Care works
In 2011 the government started a big conversation with people about how Social Care should work in the future.

This was called **Caring for our Future**.
There is website at: [http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/](http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/)

The government then had to decide what they would do after hearing what people said.

In 2010 the last government had asked Andrew Dilnot to do a big piece of work on how Social Care funding should work in the future – He worked with lots of people and wrote a report called **Fairer Care Funding**.
Lots of people call this the Dilnot report.

You can read the easy read version at [http://bit.ly/Rf0LkU](http://bit.ly/Rf0LkU)

The government then had to think about and decide what they want to do after hearing Andrew Dilnot’s ideas.

The **Law Commission** did a project on how the law on social care works. In 2011 they wrote a big report that said how they thought the law should change

What is happening now

In July the government sent out 3 big important reports

These are:

**Caring for our future White paper**
This is a big report that says how the government thinks social care should work in the future and that they plan to make a new law on how social care works

**Caring for our future draft bill**
This says what the government would put in the new law on social care

**Funding Progress report**
This report says what the government is planning to do after the Fairer Funding report that Andrew Dilnot wrote.

The **Caring for our future website** has pictures, fact sheets and comments from people on the changes
You can look at: [http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/](http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/)

All these reports are very important because the government says there will be a new law. This will affect everyone who gets support and their families

**People can say what they think of the draft new law.**
You can do this on the Caring for our future web site or by sending them an e mail to careandsupportbill@dh.gsi.gov.uk

You must do it by 19th October 2012
How you can have your say

Inclusion North has done this short paper to help everyone understand what is going on. We have also written a short presentation to help you talk about it at meetings.

There is lots of information on the Caring for our future website.

You can read the reports and look at the draft bill using the links we have given you. We think it is very important as many people as possible think about these ideas and have a say if they want to.

The government are asking questions about 5 big areas:

- The job of the Council – new rules for Councils to follow and think about not just services, community, information and working with health services.

- People’s rights to care and support – new rules on who gets support across the country and how that is decided.

- Putting carers rights to support in the same law as people they support – 1 law on social care support for everyone.

- Thinking about well-being and support planning based on what difference support can make – this includes new rules on person centred support plans and types of support.

- New rules on people being able to move areas and get support.
Some questions to think about

We have done some questions to help people think about the different bits of Caring for our Future. You do not have to answer these questions but they might help you share your ideas.

These questions are in the presentation too.

1. What do you think people need to make sure they understand what is happening when they are being assessed for social care support?

2. What kind of information will people need and how should they get it? Does information and advice mean people will get what support they need and feel listened to?

3. What kind of needs should people have to get social care support?

4. If a person and their carer both have support needs but want different things what do you think should happen?

5. What should happen if someone moves to a different area?

6. What needs to happen to make sure people’s rights are looked after if there is a safeguarding investigation?

7. What do you think if people have to pay for all their support from their Personal Budget including things like advocacy?
If you send your ideas and comments to the government we would love to hear them too.

Please do send us them if you can

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