



Care Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 23

PART 1

CARE AND SUPPORT

Assessing needs

13 The eligibility criteria

- (1) Where a local authority is satisfied on the basis of a needs or carer's assessment that an adult has needs for care and support or that a carer has needs for support, it must determine whether any of the needs meet the eligibility criteria (see subsection (7)).
- (2) Having made a determination under subsection (1), the local authority must give the adult concerned a written record of the determination and the reasons for it.
- (3) Where at least some of an adult's needs for care and support meet the eligibility criteria, the local authority must—
 - (a) consider what could be done to meet those needs that do,
 - (b) ascertain whether the adult wants to have those needs met by the local authority in accordance with this Part, and
 - (c) establish whether the adult is ordinarily resident in the local authority's area.
- (4) Where at least some of a carer's needs for support meet the eligibility criteria, the local authority must—
 - (a) consider what could be done to meet those needs that do, and
 - (b) establish whether the adult needing care is ordinarily resident in the local authority's area.
- (5) Where none of the needs of the adult concerned meet the eligibility criteria, the local authority must give him or her written advice and information about—
 - (a) what can be done to meet or reduce the needs;
 - (b) what can be done to prevent or delay the development of needs for care and support, or the development of needs for support, in the future.

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- (6) Regulations may make provision about the making of the determination under subsection (1).
- (7) Needs meet the eligibility criteria if—
- (a) they are of a description specified in regulations, or
 - (b) they form part of a combination of needs of a description so specified.
- (8) The regulations may, in particular, describe needs by reference to—
- (a) the effect that the needs have on the adult concerned;
 - (b) the adult's circumstances.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 1 modified (1.4.2015) by [The Care and Support \(Isles of Scilly\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/642\)](#), arts. 1, [2\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- C2** Pt. 1 applied in part (with modifications) (1.4.2015 coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(1)) by [The Care and Support \(Children's Carers\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/305\)](#), regs. 1(1), [2\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)](#), 4-12; [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(q\)](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 13(1)-(6) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))
- I2** S. 13(7)(8) in force at 1.10.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/2473](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- I3** S. 13(7)(8) in force at 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 15(2)-(3B) substituted for s. 15(2)(3) by [2022 c. 31 s. 166\(2\)](#)
- s. 26(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2022 c. 31 s. 166\(4\)](#)