

Care Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 23

PART 1

CARE AND SUPPORT

General responsibilities of local authorities

3 Promoting integration of care and support with health services etc.

- (1) A local authority must exercise its functions under this Part with a view to ensuring the integration of care and support provision with health provision and health-related provision where it considers that this would—
 - (a) promote the well-being of adults in its area with needs for care and support and the well-being of carers in its area,
 - (b) contribute to the prevention or delay of the development by adults in its area of needs for care and support or the development by carers in its area of needs for support, or
 - (c) improve the quality of care and support for adults, and of support for carers, provided in its area (including the outcomes that are achieved from such provision).

(2) "Care and support provision" means-

- (a) provision to meet adults' needs for care and support,
- (b) provision to meet carers' needs for support, and
- (c) provision of services, facilities or resources, or the taking of other steps, under section 2.
- (3) "Health provision" means provision of health services as part of the health service.
- (4) "Health-related provision" means provision of services which may have an effect on the health of individuals but which are not—
 - (a) health services provided as part of the health service, or

- (b) services provided in the exercise of social services functions (as defined by section 1A of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970).
- (5) For the purposes of this section, the provision of housing is health-related provision.
- (6) In section 13N of the National Health Service Act 2006 (duty of NHS Commissioning Board to promote integration), at the end insert—
 - "(5) For the purposes of this section, the provision of housing accommodation is a health-related service."
- (7) In section 14Z1 of that Act (duty of clinical commissioning groups to promote integration), at the end insert—
 - "(4) For the purposes of this section, the provision of housing accommodation is a health-related service."