



# Care Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 23

### PART 1

#### CARE AND SUPPORT

##### *Enforcement of debts*

#### **70 Transfer of assets to avoid charges**

- (1) This section applies in a case where an adult's needs have been or are being met by a local authority under sections 18 to 20 and where—
  - (a) the adult has transferred an asset to another person (a “transferee”),
  - (b) the transfer was undertaken with the intention of avoiding charges for having the adult's needs met, and
  - (c) either the consideration for the transfer was less than the value of the asset or there was no consideration for the transfer.
- (2) The transferee is liable to pay to the local authority an amount equal to the difference between—
  - (a) the amount the authority would have charged the adult were it not for the transfer of the asset, and
  - (b) the amount it did in fact charge the adult.
- (3) But the transferee is not liable to pay to the authority an amount which exceeds the benefit accruing to the transferee from the transfer.
- (4) Where an asset has been transferred to more than one transferee, the liability of each transferee is in proportion to the benefit accruing to that transferee from the transfer.
- (5) “Asset” means anything which may be taken into account for the purposes of a financial assessment.

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- (6) The value of an asset (other than cash) is the amount which would have been realised if it had been sold on the open market by a willing seller at the time of the transfer, with a deduction for—
- (a) the amount of any incumbrance on the asset, and
  - (b) a reasonable amount in respect of the expenses of the sale.
- (7) Regulations may specify cases or circumstances in which liability under subsection (2) does not arise.

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**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. 70 in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(q\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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\(4\)](#)