



Response to Request for Information

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Care Act 2014

Request and response in 'blue':

This is a request for information issued by the policy, research and advocacy department at the British Red Cross under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information requested relates to the implementation by your council of the Care Act 2014 which came into force on April 1st 2015.

We would like to know:

1. What actions your council has taken to comply with Clause 2 of the Care Act 2014 ("Preventing needs for Care and Support").

The Council established a prevention work-stream as part of its Care Act Implementation Programme which identified three key themes to provide strong direction around the local approach to Clause 2; provision of information, development of joint working practices, and commissioning. The action plans that underpin these themes have resulted in new approaches to the provision of information via our online information and advice service and a schedule of key information events across the City, improved joint working (with public health and housing particularly), and the development of a new market position statement with a focus on the importance of prevention.

2. a) Whether you have developed a 'local approach to prevention' as per Section 2.23 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance ("Developing a local approach to preventative support") published in October 2014.

Yes. Further detail below

b) And whether this approach clearly specifies and includes a range of examples of all three types of prevention set out in Chapter 2 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance ("Preventing, reducing or delaying needs") published in October 2014.

Yes. The approach covers the provision of preventative services across all three types.

3. a) Whether you have developed a 'commissioning strategy for prevention' as per 2.24 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance (within "Developing a local approach to preventative support") published in October 2014.

Our new market position statement (to be published in November) details the overarching direction of commissioning practice in regard to prevention in the City. This is supported by the 'promoting independence strategy' which clearly demonstrates the Council's overall strategy in regard to prevention:

<https://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s9735/Item%206%20-%20Promoting%20Independence.pdf>

b) And whether this clearly specifies and includes a range of examples of all three types of prevention set out in Chapter 2 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance ("Preventing, reducing or delaying needs") published in October 2014.

Yes. Please see page 5 of the document referenced via the hyperlink above.

We are seeking the above information from all local authorities in England so that we can monitor the implementation of the Care Act 2014 and work with councils to ensure that it is implemented in such a way that best prevents people from falling into health and social care crisis."