Who cares about social care?

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What is adult social care?

“Any help that you need, such as **personal care or practical assistance**, to live your life as **comfortably and independently** as possible, because of **age, illness or disability**.”

Think Local, Act Personal Care and Support ‘jargonbuster’
Who uses social care?

- **858,000** council funded long-term care clients
- **212,000** council funded short-term care episodes
- **172,000** self-funders in care homes
- **164,000** self-funders receiving home care
- **1.4m** older people need care but don't get it
How much is spent on it?

Spending on *publicly*-funded social care by councils is split roughly:
- 1/3 children
- 1/3 working age adults
- 1/3 older people
Spending is £700m below 2010/11 in real terms

While spending on adult social care has risen in recent years it is still £0.7bn below the level it was at in 2010/11.
Increasing social care costs

➢ More older people living longer...
➢ More disabled people living longer
➢ Wage costs
Who qualifies for publicly funded social care?

Or: Pole vaulters and limbo dancers – getting your council to pay for your care.
NHS vs. social care

NHS: free at point of use

Social care: needs- and means-tested.
"Impairment or illness: cannot achieve at least two outcomes"

People's needs must be *higher* than one bar...
Their assets must be lower than another bar...

£23,250
The NHS and social care: some numbers
Social care is bigger than you think
Hospital beds vs care home beds

142,000 hospital beds

410,000 care home beds (occupied)
GP contact time vs home care contact time

68 million hours GP contact time

249 million hours home care contact time
NHS staff vs social care staff

1.2m NHS (hospital and community) staff

1.5m social care staff
But smaller in some ways
NHS staff wage bill vs social care wage bill

£32.2bn*  
NHS wage bill

£19.4bn  
social care wage bill
NHS training budget vs social care training budget

- £4.7bn: Health Education England training budget
- £21m: Skills for Care training budget
Politics
## Some proposed reforms

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### Proposal
- **Free home care for most in need**
  - ‘National Care Service’
  - £35k lifetime cap
  - £100k floor (£72k/£118k in Care Act 2014)
- **£75k(0) lifetime cap**
- **£100k floor**
- **Home included among assets**
- **Free personal care**
- **“Universal Care Entitlement”**
- **Universal coverage**
- **£5k annual cap**

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<td>£670m (2010 prices)</td>
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<td>‘£2.5bn’ (but heavily under-costed)</td>
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<td>Legislated but Labour lost 2010 election so not implemented</td>
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<td>Continues to be discussed by Labour but still not fully defined.</td>
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And now?

New PM: "We will fix the crisis in social care once and for all [with] a clear plan... to give every older person the dignity and security they deserve.”
Thank you

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