

Herefordshire Council & The Care Act

Why should it matter to us?



22.5% of the Herefordshire population is aged 65 years and older. This is much higher than the national average (17%) and also higher than the average for county councils (20%)

37 county councils (including Herefordshire) account for 47% of Adult Social Care Spend. The remaining 115 account for 53% of spend



Adult Social Care accounts for 37% of Herefordshire Council's budget in 2014/15

How much extra will the Act cost Herefordshire Council?

The cost from 2020 per year in Herefordshire is estimated to be at least:



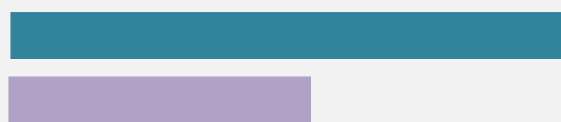
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£8m*

**This is a provisional estimate that is likely to change as we have not yet completed the modelling on this potential pressure*

Self-funders – the known unknown?

Herefordshire has a large proportion of people that fund and arrange their own care. For instance around three-quarters of all nursing home placements locally are funded self-funders, whereas nationally this proportion is much lower, at just less than half of all placements.



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74%

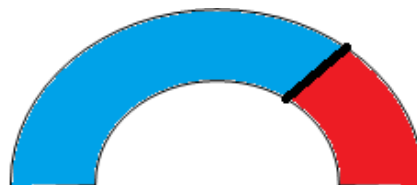
National average

48%

Underestimating the needs of carers?

Financial modelling in Herefordshire indicates that the costs of the increase in numbers of carers eligible for assessments and support will exceed our allocated funding from central government for this element

Government has allocated Herefordshire £74k to fund carers assessments from 2015/16 through BCF



It is estimated the costs of carers assessments will be a lot higher in Herefordshire - £112k

In Herefordshire it is anticipated that the bigger issue will be the costs of meeting the eligible needs of carers – this is estimated to be up to **£0.7m in 2015/16** rising to **£1.5m in 2016/17**

What are we doing to prepare?

The potential impact of the Care Act in Herefordshire has been analysed and a project team with dedicated Project Manager established. Work-streams feeding into the project group are already in action across the directorate identifying and putting into place the changes that are required –ranging from reconfiguring our IT systems and identifying workforce training needs to developing new policies and engaging with staff, service users and providers.