

In October 2023, there will be changes to how people receive and pay for Adult Social Care support. Two of the key changes will be:

- 1. People will not have to pay more than £86,000 for care costs over their lifetime.
- 2. Anyone with less than £100,000 in savings and assets may be able to access financial support to fund their care.

There is nothing for you to worry about and you do not have to do anything, however should you wish to understand more about these changes you can visit the <u>Government's Social Care</u> <u>Reform Page</u> for further information. <u>Frequently asked questions</u> are also available.

## What is the council doing?

We are working with Ernst and Young (EY) and Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) to develop a plan for these changes. As part of this we are wanting to hear from residents in Buckinghamshire who are engaging with Adult Social Care:

- a. funded by the council
- b. paying for their own care (self-funders)
- c. organising care on behalf of relatives / another person

We want to understand how the changes may affect all resident's experiences in the future and by shaping this together we can better prepare for the changes ahead.

## What we are asking of you

We are keen to understand, listen to and learn from residents and their carers. We need to understand what your experiences are and identify, what currently works well and what could be better.

## When will these sessions take place?

We will be holding engagement sessions throughout June 2022 and would like to invite you to take part in a one-to-one session, or a small group session (4-6 residents) to explore your current experience of social care. The sessions will last approximately 90 minutes and you will be given an option to either meet in person at a suitable location, or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

You do not have to have any prior knowledge of the changes as the discussions will be mainly focused on your current experience.



If you would like to take part, <u>please click this link to fill in a form.</u>

If you would like further details or have any questions please email ASCreforms@buckinghamshire.gov.uk to speak with a member of the team.