

## ADASS Carers Policy Network - Self-Assessment Tool

### Guidance Notes

1. This optional self-assessment tool is part of work through the ADASS Carers Policy Network and is supported with funding from the Department of Health and Social Care to aid delivery and support for the Care Act and other related duties involving carers.
2. The objective of this work is to provide an opportunity for self-assessment and local reflection to provide indications of what is going well and where things could be done differently in the future. It has been developed with Local Authority Carers Leads and Commissioners.
3. The raw data from this survey will be shared with regional colleagues within ADASS regions to identify common themes and areas for further work. Anonymised and aggregated numerical data from regions will be analysed and compared with other ADASS regions at a national level



4. The time frame for completion of this document is between June-December 2019 but individual regions may have plans that require it to be completed sooner
5. The sections of this assessment align with the newly updated Guide to Efficient and Effective Interventions for implementing the Care Act. Produced by the ADASS Carers Policy Network, this guide is made up of four documents that are [available on the ADASS website](#) and provide guidance for professionals working with carers in Local Authorities implementing the Care Act 2014. The four documents bring together a summary of the key sections of the statutory guidance relating to carers with existing good practice and effective operating models from across the country.

- Document 1. General responsibilities and universal services
- Document 2. First contact, identifying needs and assessment
- Document 3. Person-centred care and support planning
- Document 4. Integration and partnership working

6. Where appropriate, this tool can be used to engage with stakeholders such as principle social workers, children with disability leads. It can also be used with carers as a co-production tool.
7. By filling out this one document, it is possible to use the information for multiple purposes, for example: Updating Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, Annual reports to commissioning boards/senior management teams/joint health and wellbeing boards, Internal audit, Providing an evidence basis to refresh commissioning strategies or Contextual evidence for Care Act compliance



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