

# **A CHARTER FOR A RIGHTS BASED NATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLAND**



1. The nation's vision is that all people in need of care and support services should experience the best level of wellbeing possible for them. Wellbeing is defined by the nine areas set out in the Care Act 2014. They set out the factors that make life the best it can be.
2. Through partnership with each individual in need of care and support services and their informal carers, local authorities will identify all their needs according to the Act's nine areas of wellbeing, without regard to the availability of resources
3. Local authorities will be honest and transparent with each individual about which of their needs they have the resources to meet and which they do not.
4. Local authorities will collate the information about the needs that cannot be met so they and central government know the resources required for all to have their best possible level of wellbeing.
5. That information will be used to:
  - i. Inform local planning of services to achieve the greatest impact for the greatest number of people within existing resources
  - ii. Determine central grants and set local budgets knowing the gap between needs and funding, with a commitment to close it as fast as finances permit, along with the equitable distribution of currently available funds.

**Delivery of this Charter will also ensure England delivers on the UK Government's commitment to *Independent Living* as defined by the United Nations**