



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Care Act 2014***

#### **Request:**

1. What actions your council is taking or intends to take to ensure it complies with Clause 2.23 of the Care Act Statutory Guidance (“Developing a local approach to preventative support”) which requires a local authority to:

“...provide or arrange for services, facilities or resources which would prevent, delay or reduce individuals’ needs for care and support, or the needs for support of carers. Local authorities should develop a clear, local approach to prevention which sets out how they plan to fulfil this responsibility, taking into account the different types and focus of preventative support as described above. Developing a local approach to preventative support is a responsibility wider than adult care and support alone, and should include the involvement, by way of example, of those responsible for public health, leisure, transport, and housing services which are relevant to the provision of care and support.”

We have a prevention and information advice action plan which includes the following:

- Implementation of the local Care Act compliant I&A strategy
- Development of the Wolverhampton Information Network
- Up-skilling of first contact teams to deliver high quality information and advice
- Integrated work with Housing Services
- Awareness raising sessions for front line service staff across the organisation – i.e. Handyperson service, Occupational Therapy Services
- Development and implementation of the new carer support strategy
- Integration of front line community teams
- Co-development of a new Market Position Statement with commissioning, customers and provider services
- Development of a city wide prevention awareness raising initiative – underpinned by an overarching mission statement with multi-agency buy in.
- Public Health Lifestyle Risk Prevention Strategy

2. Relating to Clause 14 of the Care Act 2014 ("Power of local authority to charge), whether or not your council:
  - I. Currently charges carers for their own support, or;
  - II. Does not charge carers for their own support but intends to either introduce charges or consult or debate on the introduction of charges in the next 12 months, or;
  - III. Does not charge carers for their own support and has no current plans to introduce charges.
  
3. If your council does charges carers we would like to know further details of how these charges are applied, specifically:
  - I. How your council calculates the amount a carer will be charged for the support they receive;
  - II. The average charge per carer in your local authority; and
  - III. The support services the charges apply to.