

The impact of Care Act Easements on co-resident carers over 70 looking after partners living with dementia



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Project Overview

Primary Objectives

- To investigate the impact of easements on this particular group of carers and those responsible for safeguarding within local authorities

Secondary Objectives

- Document impact of Care Act easements and reinstatement of statutory duties
- Compare and contrast experiences in Local Authority areas with easements and those without
- Understand challenges and dilemmas for those with safeguarding responsibilities
- Understand and document urgent challenges for carers and local authorities

Three Workstreams:

- Semi-structured interviews with 48 carers across four local authorities
- Semi- structures interviews with 20 safeguarding/social work leads
- Survey (target of 500 responses)

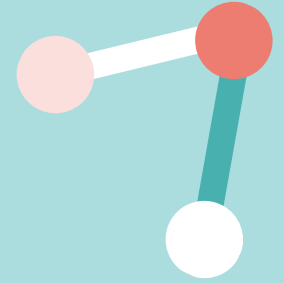
Carer Advisory Group

Initial Tentative Themes (Carer Interviewees)

- Options for support drastically reduced.
- Assistance only available in the event of a crisis.
- ‘Being a carer doesn’t count for anything’
- Online is ‘not the same’.
- ‘Minefield’ of services and information. Exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Family, friends, and neighbours seen as crucial supportive assets.

Initial Tentative Themes (Local Authority Interviewees)

- Carers view outside support as high Covid risk
- Reduction in demand for outside support assisted LAs greatly
- Furloughed family members stepped into carer role
- Little support available to carers, close down of respite provision
- Assessments moved online or phone
- PSW network and local LA networks hugely supportive
- Mixed messages and inconsistent advice from government
- LAs concerned about future resources



Thank you

