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The enhanced assurance, data and improvement framework is key to delivering on the vision outlined in our adult social care white paper, 'People at the Heart of Care'

The 10 year vision is centred around **personalised care and support**. This is underpinned by **three main principles**:



People have choice, control, and support to live independent lives



People can access outstanding quality and tailored care and support



People find adult social care fair and accessible

We **will support local authorities to deliver this vision** through the policies set out in the Next steps to put People at the Heart of Care plan (April 2023).

This includes **personalising** care through stronger data and local authority assurance, and driving innovation and improvement, through:

- **Strengthening how we collect, share and use data**, such as through client level data and a new data sharing tool, to improve the quality and availability of adult social care data nationally, regionally and locally.
- A **duty for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to independently assess local authorities'** delivery of their adult social care duties.
- New legal powers for the **Secretary of State to intervene in local authorities to secure improvement.**
- **Continuing improvement funding** and a new **DHSC Improvement and Innovation Unit** to support local authorities to improve and deliver reforms.



Our ambition is to improve outcomes for people through greater transparency and local accountability

Case for assurance

- ❑ CQC assessments will **increase transparency and understanding** of how adult social care services are being delivered locally.
- ❑ They will make **good practice, positive outcomes and outstanding quality easier to spot locally and share nationally.**
- ❑ It will enable us to better understand where the key issues are and **target support where it is needed.**



LA Assessment Progress



The Health and Care Act 2022 puts CQC assessment of local authorities on a statutory footing

- **High level enabling legislation** amending the Health and Social Care Act 2008
- A new duty on the CQC to assess local authorities' delivery of their adult social care duties under part 1 of the Care Act 2014 **went live on 1 April 2023.**
- The CQC will consider **priorities and objectives set by DHSC Secretary of State**
- Exact scope of the framework is set out in **regulations**



CQC assessments have been developed through extensive sector engagement to ensure they focus on what matters most

- Successful **co-design with LGA and ADASS**
- CQC-led engagement with the sector and people with **lived experience**
- Effective **join-up with wider adult social care policy areas**, including ICSs
- **Walk-testing of the framework** with Coventry and Warwickshire
- Up to five **end-to-end pilots planned** before baselining begins

We have worked closely with LGA, ADASS and the CQC to co-design LA assessment

We want to:

- Provide LAs with clarity about **what they are doing well**
- Be genuinely useful to an LA, and **offer constructive suggestions** about where LAs could improve
- Be informed by **what matters to people who draw on care and support**
- Provide an **independent view** of an LA's capacity to improve
- Showcase and **share LA best practice**
- **Not duplicate** CQC assessment of ICSs

