

Report to:	Health and Well Being Board
Decision or Item number	8
Relevant Officers:	Delyth Curtis – Assistant Chief Executive Adult Services, Blackpool Council Leslie Marshall – Head of Adult Social Care, Blackpool Council

Quality Care Update- The Care Act 2014

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Care Act 2014 was given Royal Assent on the 15 May 2014. It has wide reaching implications for the Local Authority and some of its partners. This report will outline some of the key areas of impact and work presently being undertaken to prepare for enactment over 2015/2016.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 That the report is noted and consideration is given to a further update in 4 months time.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Neither the full text of the Act is available at the time of writing this, nor have the draft regulations been published.

3.2 Alternative Options:

There are no suitable alternative given the full text of the act is not yet available.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged
- Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

- Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Care Act 2014 consolidates social care legislation enacted since 1948, and frames it in a 21st century context. It follows from and builds on the Law Commission recommendations made in 2011.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Care Act 2014 is a new Act of Parliament

7.0 Equalities considerations:

7.1 None, arising from this report

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 Work is presently underway to scope the potential financial implications of this Act. Limited Central Government funding is already available to use in preparing local authorities for the implementation of the Act.

9.0 Background papers:

10.1 Drafts of the Care Bill and various commentaries.