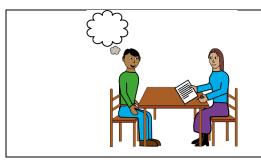
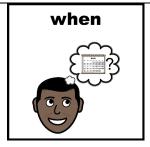
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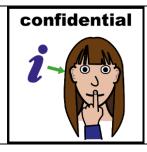
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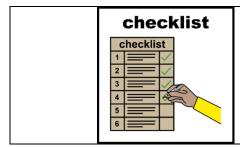
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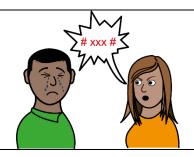






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#### What is a care needs assessment?



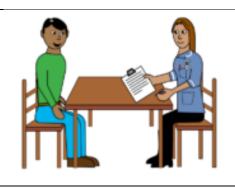
Adult social care supports adults to live independent and healthy lives.



For example, social care supports people with day-to-day tasks like getting dressed and preparing food.



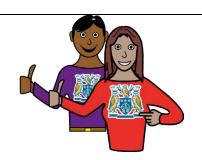
If you or anyone you know needs help then you can call adult social services, and we will conduct a care needs assessment.



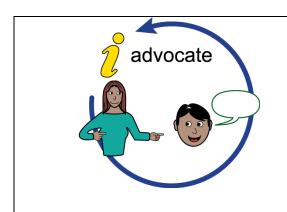
A care needs assessment is a conversation with staff from social care about what support you need and what you can do for yourself.



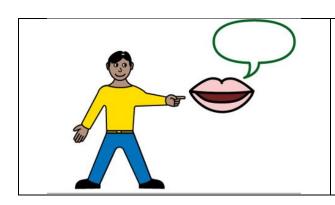
We will also talk to you about what is important to you in your life.



This conversation will let us know how social care can support you.

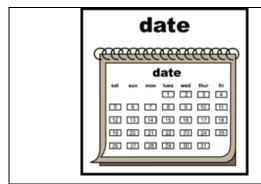


If you need support in completing your care needs assessment, then you will be offered an independent advocate.

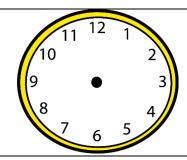


An independent advocate is someone who can help express what you need and want.

#### When can I get a care needs assessment?

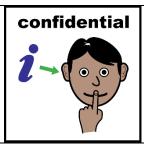


Someone from social services will contact you to let you know when your assessment is.

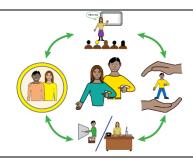


If you need support urgently, we will carry out the assessment straight away.

#### **Confidentiality**



Everything we discuss will not share with others



But if you agree, we will also share your information with services that can support you.

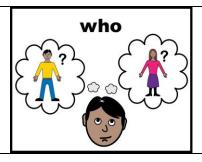


We also might share information if we believe you or someone's safety is at risk.

#### Who can get help from social care?



The Care Act (2014) is a rule that says who can get support from social care. Social care is when people give you a hand with things like getting dressed, eating, and managing your life.



This rule decides who can get this assistance. It is for people who have difficulty doing things on their own.



We follow this rule to make the decision.



You can ask staff for more information on what the rule says.

#### What happens after the assessment?



After the assessment, we will write down what we discussed, and we will share it with you.



If you need support from social care, the next step is to agree on a Support Plan.



The Support Plan will explain what type of support you will receive.



It will explain when and how much support you will receive.



You may need to pay for some or all your care and support services.



You can ask a member of staff for more information on this.



If you do not need support from social care, we will still give you information and advice.

## If you disagree with a care needs assessment decision



If you do not agree with your assessment, please speak to the staff member again.

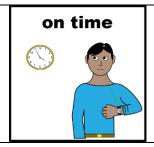


If you want to make a complaint, you can do this by emailing us at:

<u>adultsocialcarecomplaints@lb</u> <u>bd.gov.uk</u>



You can also make a complaint by phoning: 020 8227 2323

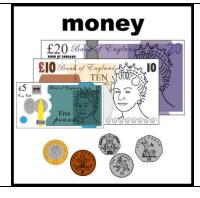


We will try to reply to your complaint within 20 days.

#### **Support for carers and family members**



A carer is someone who supports a person, without being paid. This can include family and friends.



A carer is different from a paid care worker or personal assistant, as they are being paid.



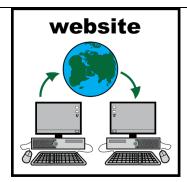
offer them a carer assessment.



This is a conversation about how their wellbeing and how they are.



The assessment will see if they need care and support from the council as a carer.



Carers can find more information on <a href="http://www.carerscentre.org.">http://www.carerscentre.org.</a>
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Carers can also call 020 8593 4422 for more information.

#### Adults at risk of abuse or neglect



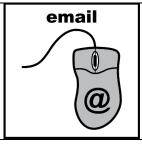
It is important you know about the risk of abuse or neglect, and not being safe.



If you are worried that you or someone you know is being abused or neglected, please tell us.



You can phone the Adult Intake Team on: 02082272915

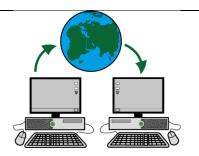


Or you can email them at <a href="mailto:intaketeam@lbbd.gov.uk">intaketeam@lbbd.gov.uk</a>



If it is an emergency, call 999.

#### More information on assessments



To find out more about care needs assessments, please speak to staff.

You can also visit

www.mencap.org.uk for useful information in easy read.



If you need this document, in a different language or format please call

020 8227 2915.