

Chapter 11: Adult Social Care

- 1 To what extent does the Care Act 2014 resolve the crisis of adult social care?

First of all you have to decide what the crisis was that provoked the Act, and then decide whether that crisis persists. We would suggest that if anything the crisis in social care has been exacerbated since the implementation of the legislation. Yes, it solved some of the complexity of outdated and limited provision. However because the problem of how to fund the provision of social care has not been resolved, and local authorities have suffered extensive cuts in funding, the situation appears to have got worse.

- 2 Find the latest statistics on adult social care provision. Does your local area have particular plans for cuts in adult social care provision? What do you think the impact of cuts will be?

If you look at the report from the National Audit Office, *Adult social care at a glance*, published in July 2018, you will learn a great deal about the extent of adult social care provision <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Adult-social-care-at-a-glance.pdf>. There is further information from the Office of National Statistics <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthcaresystem/articles/demandforadultsocialcareacrosscountiesandunitaryauthoritiesinengland/2018-12-18>

- 3 Locate responses to the passing of the Care Act 2014. What do pressure groups think of the new legislation?

NGOs are very active in the area of adult social care. You should look up Carers UK, AgeUK, Mind and Mencap, for starters.