

# Social Care

## People in prison who have care and support needs - policy



### Read more:

Care Act: Sections 76

Guidance: Chapter 17, p321

Prison includes; custody or custodial settings, approved premises and bail accommodation. It can also apply to people over 18 years old in young offender institutions, secure children's homes and secure training centres.

People in prison (including all the definitions above) become ordinarily resident in the Local Authority area where they are required to reside.

Anyone in Somerset, with eligible care and support needs will be treated in the same way as the rest of the population. This includes:

- Information and advice
- Advocacy
- Assessment of needs and personal budget.
- Financial assessment and charging
- Complaints and appeals
- Continuity of care (when moving from one Local Authority area to another)

The assessment process will include involvement of others concerned with the person's health and wellbeing, for example, prison staff or probation offender manager.

Individual choice and control will apply as far as reasonably possible, but this may be limited by the custodial regime.

Any identified safeguarding concerns will be addressed in the care and support planning with involvement of prisons and probation services and linking to their own policies.

Direct Payments do not apply to anyone who has been convicted.