

# Enabling Single Handed Care

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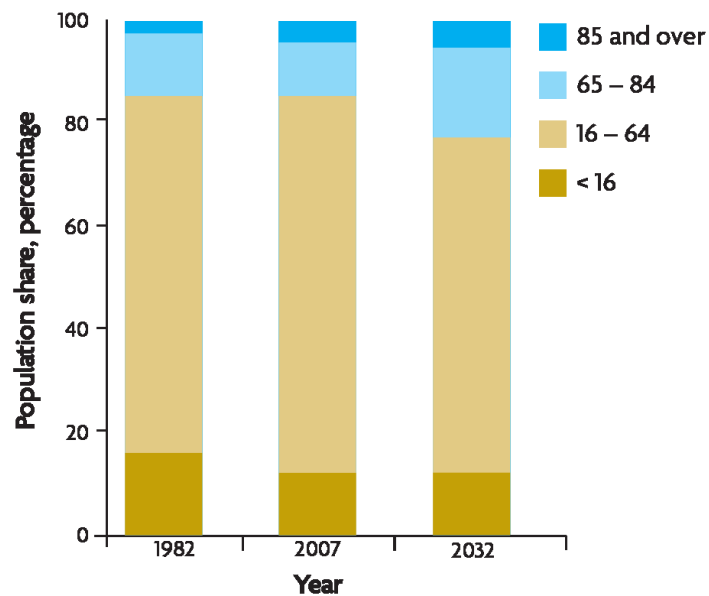
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## Current Climate

- Demographic Changes - 'We are an ageing society'



		2010	2030
The number of over 65's who will require social care:	Over 65	10.6m	16.1m (+51.9%)
	16 – 64	3.1m	3.4m (+3.2%)

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## *Current Climate*

- More than £1 billion has been slashed from council's social care budgets since 2010
- This is despite an increase in the elderly population, meaning thousands who would have previously received help with basic daily tasks no longer get support
- Cuts to social care services have been made over the past five years by councils faced with a 40% reduction in their Government funding
- The Local Government Association said that councillors had protected the most vulnerable 'as far as possible' but that the care system was 'chronically underfunded'

*Age UK, January 2015 (1)*

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## *Current Climate*

- Cuts are now harming NHS with hospitals struggling to discharge patients into home or community care
- *“Until recently, the impact of the decline in social care has been relatively hidden, but social care is a crucial pressure valve for the NHS and the evidence of what happens when it is too weak to fulfil that function is clear for us all to see”*

***Caroline Abrahams, Chief Executive, Age UK***

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## *Current Climate*

- **Technology** – It is not all ‘doom and gloom’ as technology and equipment for the disabled, at cost effective prices is rapidly advancing.

This is providing Local Authorities with the opportunity to provide the same or improved standards of care utilising a single carer.



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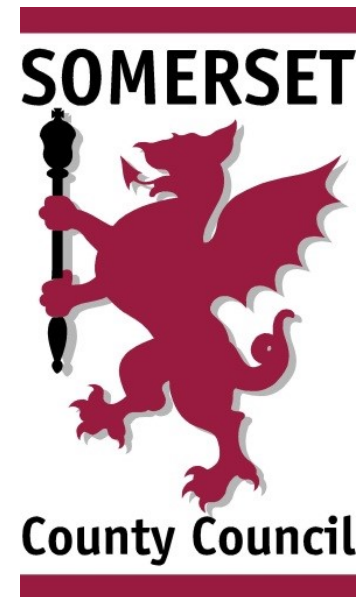
## *Double Handed Care Packages: The Review*

- **Documented Studies** – includes Somerset County Council (2), Essex County Council (3), London Borough of Havering (4)
- **Anecdotal Evidence** – we are working with over 20 councils nationally
- **Individual Risk Assessments**
- **Close Working with Care Agencies**
- **Provision of Equipment** - Typically ceiling track hoist, gantry systems, profiling bed, in situ sling, bed management systems and sit-to-stand equipment that can be used by a single carer

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## **Somerset Council Review - 2009**

- **Background** – Approximately 220 service users were reviewed by a Project Team of 5 including OT's and led by Sheenagh Orchard
- **Results**
  - 37% were assessed as being suitable for a reduction in their care package
  - The forecasted saving for the next financial year was £270k
  - The average initial investment in equipment was £763 per service user and this was recouped within 48 days on average



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## *Essex County Council Review - 2013*

- **Background** – 500 cases were assessed by 8 locally employed OTs over a six month period to establish their suitability for a reduction in care packages
- **Results**
  - 44% were assessed as being suitable for a reduction in their care package, with 47% unsuitable and 9% requiring an increase
  - 3,618 domiciliary support hours were saved from the 44% of reduced care packages
  - Essex, as a result of the project, have reviewed their local hoisting guidelines





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## *London Borough of Havering Review - 2012*

- **Background** – 142 service users were assessed to establish their suitability for a reduction in care packages.
- **Results**
  - 59 people (42%) were assessed as being suitable for a reduction in their care package and 77 (54%) were assessed as unsuitable
  - Service users reported that service delivery is more personalised, flexible and responsive to their needs



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

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## *Cambridgeshire County Council*

- **Background** – Prism Medical UK have been working with Cambridgeshire County Council to develop their Single Handed Care programme. 70 'double-up' packages reviewed to date.

- **Results**

- 42% of double-up packages could be reduced to single-handed care with savings of approximately £500k
- Service users reporting better quality care
- Spend on equipment has been less than anticipated
- Success rate on prevention cases is 100% ( £115K avoided costs)



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Some Local Authorities and most Care Agencies have, over time, adopted an approach which involves two people when hoisting a person.

## *“Does it Take Two?” (5)*

- **Literature review** - to determine any legislative recommendations for the prescription of double handed care when using a hoist
- **Individual Risk Assessment**, no blanket policies should be in place



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## *Outcome of Client Reviews*

- **Approximately 40%** of those reviewed in all the documented studies (and those areas in which Prism is working in collaboration with the Local Authority) are suitable for a reduction in their care package.
- **Significant cost savings** to local authorities
- **Client Benefits** - empowerment, independence, flexibility, greater dignity
- **Improved inter –agency working** - Increased skill levels of care staff but early involvement of the care providers is essential
- **Changes in M&H practices** - one person to hoist unless risk assessed as requiring more support

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## *Working with Prism Medical UK*

- Experienced in facilitating Pilot Projects
- Presentations to Commissioners, Procurement, Prescribers, Care Managers
- Cost Benefit Tool
- Equipment assessments and demonstrations
- Training for Care Staff
- Access to OT Services
- Equipment at preferential prices



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