Threshold for local authority *duty* to support carer

Critical or Substantial Impact Local Authority *duty* to support carers Local Authority provides support Duty to support threshold Moderate Impact Local Authority *power* to support carers

Local Authority commissions community supports and carer services which are provided on a preventative basis.

Services are developed according to local need. This may include some form of short breaks and services such as peer support, advocacy and counselling.

Low or No Impact

Local Authority power to support carers.

Local Authority supports information and advice services for carers and other universal, community supports. This may include access to a local carers centre, peer support, training and access to universal services and community support.

DUTY TO SUPPORT THRESHOLD

	Caring has no impact NO RISK	Caring has low impact LOW RISK	Caring has moderate impact MODERATE RISK	Caring has substantial impact SUBSTANTIAL RISK	Caring has critical impact CRITICAL RISK
Health & Wellbeing	Carer in good health.	Carer's health beginning to be affected.	Carer's health at risk without intervention.	Carer has health need that requires attention.	Carer's health is breaking/has broken down.
	Carer has good emotional wellbeing.	Caring role beginning to have an impact on emotional wellbeing.	Some impact on carer's emotional wellbeing.	Significant impact on carer's emotional wellbeing.	Carer's emotional wellbeing is breaking/ has broken down.
Relationships	Carer has a good relationship with the person they care for and is able to maintain relationships with other key people in their life.	Carer has some concerns about their relationship with the person they care for and/or their ability to maintain relationships with other key people in their life.	Carer has identified issues with their relationship with the person they care for that need to be addressed and/or they find it difficult to maintain relationships with other key people in their life.	The carer's relationship with the person they care for is in danger of breaking down and/or they no longer are able to maintain relationships with other key people in their life.	The carer's relationship with the person they care for has broken down and their caring role is no longer sustainable and/or they have lost touch with other key people in their life.
Living Environment	Carer's living environment is suitable posing no risk to the physical health and safety of the carer and cared for person.	Carer's living environment is mostly suitable but could pose a risk to the health and safety of the carer and cared for person in the longer term.	Carer's living environment is unsuitable but poses no immediate risk.	Carer's living environment is unsuitable and poses an immediate risk to the health and safety of the carer and/or cared for person.	Carer's living environment is unsuitable and there are immediate and critical risks to the health and safety of the carer and/or cared for person.

Employment & Training	Carer has no difficulty in	Carer has some difficulty managing	Carer has difficulty managing caring and	Carer has significantly difficulty managing	Carer has significant difficulty managing
	managing caring and employment and/or education.	caring and employment and there is a risk to sustaining employment and/or education in the long term.	employment and there is a risk to sustaining employment and/or education in the medium term.	caring and employment and there is a risk to sustaining employment and/or education in the short term.	caring and employment and/or education and there is an imminent risk of giving up work or education.
	Carer does not want to be in paid work or education.	Carer is not in paid work or education but would like to be in the long term.	Carer is not in paid work or education but would like to be in the medium term.	Carer is not in paid work or education but would like to be soon.	Carer is not in paid work or education but would like to be now.
Finance	Caring is not causing financial hardship e.g. carer can afford housing cost and utilities.	Caring is causing a risk of financial hardship e.g. some difficulty meeting housing costs and utilities.	Caring is causing some detrimental impact on finances e.g. difficulty meeting either housing costs OR utilities.	Caring is having a significant impact on finances e.g. difficulty meeting housing costs AND utilities.	Caring is causing severe financial hardship e.g. carer cannot afford household essential sand utilities, not meeting housing payments.
Life balance	Carer has regular opportunities to achieve the balance they want in their life.	Carer has some opportunities to achieve the balance they want in their life.	Due to their caring role, the carer has limited opportunities to achieve the balance they want in their life.	Due to their caring role, the carer has few and irregular opportunities to achieve the balance they want in their life.	Due to their caring role, the carer has no opportunities to achieve the balance they want in their life.
	They have a broad choice of breaks and activities which promote physical, mental, emotional wellbeing.	They have access to a choice of breaks and activities which promote physical, mental, emotional wellbeing.	They have access to a few breaks and activities which promote physical, mental, emotional wellbeing.	They have little access to breaks and activities which promote physical, mental, emotional wellbeing.	They have no access to breaks and activities which promote physical, mental, emotional wellbeing.

Future Planning	Carer is confident	Carer is largely	Carer is not confident	Carer is anxious about	Carer is very anxious
_	about planning for	confident about	about planning for the	planning for the future	about planning for the
	the future and has	planning for the	future and has some	and has significant	future and has severe
	no concerns about	future but has minor	concerns about managing	concerns about	concerns about
	managing caring.	concerns about	caring.	managing caring.	managing caring.
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