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7. Social Care

The DH is working on [a number of initiatives to reform the social care system](#) to put choice, independence and dignity right at the heart of service delivery. Across Government, the shared ambition is to put people first through a radical reform of public services. It will mean that people are able to live their own lives as they wish, confident that services are of high quality, are safe and promote their own individual needs for independence, well-being and dignity.

“[Our health, our care, our say](#)” confirmed that people want support when they need it, and they expect it quickly, easily and in a way that fits into their lives. They want adult social care services to consider their needs with a greater focus on preventative approaches to promote independence and wellbeing. Local authorities, government departments and partners from independent, voluntary, and community organisations will all play a vital role in transforming social care services, taking into account housing, benefits, leisure, transport and health needs.

[The Social Care Institute for Excellence's \(SCIE\)](#) mission is to identify and spread knowledge about good practice to the large and diverse social care workforce and support the delivery of transformed, personalised social care services. They aim to reach and influence practitioners, managers and the sector leadership who have responsibility for service delivery in adult's and children's services. They recognise the central role of people who use services, children, young people, their families and their carers, and aim to ensure that experience and expertise is reflected in all aspects of their work.

Personalisation is at the centre of the vision to transform adult social care. The aim is to give people more choice and control over their lives and the care they receive. SCIE has produced [Personalisation: a rough guide](#) to tell the story so far about the personalisation of adult social care services. This explains the basics and examines what personalisation might mean for stakeholders and the sector as a whole.

SCIE has produced an [extensive directory of resources and publications](#).

[Social Care Online](#) – their free searchable database - is recognised as the UK's most complete range of information and research on all aspects of social care.

[The Individual Budgets pilot programme](#) was a cross-government initiative led by the Department of Health working closely with the Department for Work and Pensions, and Communities and Local Government.

The pilot was conducted over two years 2006-2007 involving 13 local authorities and [the final report](#) has just been published. A [Personalisation Resource Toolkit](#) has also been made available. This on-line resource has been developed to support councils begin to plan and deliver the transformation of their social care systems, as set out in [Putting People First](#). Its main focus is on sharing the learning from the Individual Budget Pilot programme.