

Needs & Carers Assessments



Your local council must check if someone needs social care and support.



You need to contact them. They will not contact you.



It is your right to request a Needs Assessment if you think you have care needs.

Needs Assessment



This will cover:

- A person's living and care arrangements.
- How a person's illness is affecting their daily life.
- The support a person would like.
- What family members feel is needed.



If you cannot manage without the help of a family member or friend, they should ask for a Carers Assessment.

It is a person's right to ask for a Carers Assessment.

The Carers Assessment



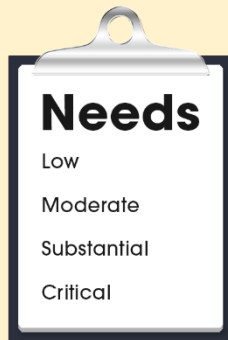
The Carers Assessment looks at the impact caring has on the person helping to care for you.

They will recommend services and ways to help your carer stay well.



They may carry out a financial assessment at the same time to work out who will pay for the services.

Support that could be available



There are a wide range of services and support available depending on your situation.

These are some services that might be suggested:



Accessing local organisations and groups
Lunch groups
Day Centres



Home Help
Personal Assistants



Telecare
Help with meals



Respite Care – having someone stay with you or staying in a care home for a few days



Residential Care – if you can no longer look after yourself at home



Contact your local council for a Needs Assessment or Carers Assessment.



For Bedford Borough Council

Ring 01234 267 422



For Central Bedfordshire Council

Needs Assessment
Ring 0300 300 8303

Carers Assessment
Ring 0300 300 8036