

Social Care

Ordinary residence policy



Read more:

Care Act: Sections 39 – 41

Guidance: Chapter 19

Guidance: Annex H

We will follow the ordinary residence guidance that is well detailed in chapter 19 of the Care Act guidance.

This includes determining a person's place of residence; which Local Authority (LA) is responsible for funding; contacting other LA's and how to deal with any disputes.

This includes:

- Carers
- Emergency care
- Accommodation – including ECH and Supported living
- Hospital discharges
- People returning from abroad
- Main place of residence

Any dispute will not affect a person's right to support and care funding. If they are currently living in Somerset we will fund pending resolution of the dispute with the other Local Authority.

We recognise that the guidance states that the ordinary residence is of the person who is in need of support. If they have an unpaid carer living in another LA area, the carer will be entitled to support from Somerset.