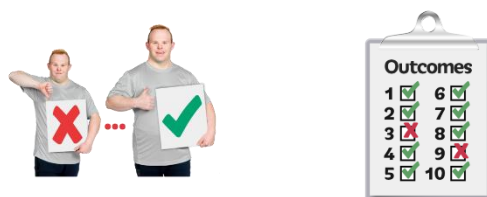


Eligibility Criteria Event Brief

There are currently opportunities in Scotland to rethink how social care support is provided.



The aim is improving outcomes for supported people and unpaid carers.



The role of eligibility criteria is being considered as a part of these improvements.



Eligibility Criteria is a process of restricting support to people with the highest levels of need because of budgets.



The government recommends: “People should understand better what their rights are to social care and supports, and “duty bearers”, primarily social workers, should be focused on realising those rights rather than being hampered in the

first instance by considerations of eligibility and cost.”



This means that people should be able understand their rights to social care support.



Duty Bearers are people that have a responsibility to protect people's rights.



Social workers' role should be to make those rights real and not be restricted by eligibility criteria or cost.



We know that eligibility criteria are currently intended to be used as a tool to manage limited resources in a time of increasing demand.



Restricting support only to people in crisis focusses on negatives and moves away from prevention.



Prevention is when you plan ahead to stop problems happening.



The challenge is in how to move the thinking to a rights-based approach, while making the best use of all available resources.



This event will bring together key stakeholders from across Scotland.



This includes people with lived experience, unpaid carers, policymakers, practitioners and professional bodies to discuss different approaches to eligibility criteria.



The intention is not to decide on a particular model at this stage, but to build a better-informed basis for decision-making on this important topic.



Leaders from across the UK will speak about their experiences of redesigning structures and services and delivering support in new ways.



Discussion groups will allow participants to explore these ideas further.



Participants will consider how they might be applied in a consistent way across Scotland.



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