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	1) Has the Care Act been discussed at the CCG/Trust Board/governing body?
NELFT	The implications of the Care Act were the subject of a formal presentation to the Trust Clinical Executive in early January 2015 and a Board level paper will be considered in March of 2015.
B&D CCG	The Care Act 2014 has not specifically been discussed at the CCG governing body. The implementation of the Care Act is a workstream of the Better Care Fund Plan. The Governing Body has signed off the Better Care Fund Plan and approved governance arrangements for the delivery of the BCF schemes. The shadow Joint Executive Management Committee is overseeing the development of the Section 75 agreement for the Better Care Fund.
BHRUT	A paper describing the main provisions of the Care Act and its implications for the Trust is being discussed at the Trust Executive Committee on 27 January 2015. A report from this Committee is sent to each Board meeting

	2) Are you conducting/sending staff on training?
NELFT	<p>Yes – the 2015 NELFT Social Care conference will include a masterclass on the phased introduction of Care Act powers, duties and responsibilities, together with practicalities regarding integrated Health and Social Care services in all six NELFT ICD localities.</p> <p>All NELFT staff and s.75 seconded staff tasked with the completion of relevant assessments are being encouraged to attend the training organised for their Local Authority area.</p>
B&D CCG	Training for GP providers and Practice Managers is being organised through the Protected Time Initiative – the programme for 2015 is being discussed at the informal Clinical directors meeting on 26 th January. Safeguarding adults training is mandatory for CCG staff.
BHRUT	We will support staff to attend any training required. To date, processes have been developed jointly and no training need has been identified.

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	3) Does the Care Act require any changes to your policies and procedures?
NELFT	Policies and procedures relating to areas such as Adult Safeguarding, Transitions, working with Mentally Disordered Offenders and Transfers of Care are being actively reviewed to ascertain any need for change. Most are believed to contain sufficiently permissive forms of words regarding statutory frameworks so as to avoid the need for revision. Appropriate cross-references to the Act and the Wellbeing principle will be included in all future relevant NELFT policy reviews.
B&D CCG	The CCG will be reviewing the safeguarding assurance framework to ensure compliance with Care Act requirements and is working with the Adult Safeguarding Board to implement the new requirements.
BHRUT	The Trust is reviewing relevant policies which may be affected together with partners.

	4) What the issues or challenges for your organisation and how are you addressing these?
NELFT	<p>A review is being undertaken of all relevant partnership agreements to ensure that these reflect, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emerging powers and intentions of Local Authorities with regard to delegation of functions and • The agreement, skills mix and capacity to deal with projected increases in assessment burden for particular services
B&D CCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expansion in the offer and delivery of personal health budgets where evidence indicates they could benefit <p>The CCG has established a process to offer and deliver personal health budgets and has been focused on continuing healthcare. The expansion of personal health for adults with long term conditions, learning disabilities and children is an area for further development over the next 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop and implement joint plans with the Local Authority to identify and support carers <p>Support for carers has been identified as a scheme that is being taken forward through the Better Care Fund Plan. The CCG has been supporting the Local Authority in developing a joint carers strategy and implementation plan. The Joint Executive Management Committee will oversee the delivery of the plan and the management of risks on behalf of the CCG Governing Body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accelerate the design and implementation of new models of integrated care

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	<p>New models are set out in the Five Year Forward View and local areas are invited to test out new delivery models for integrated care. The identification of local schemes that have buy-in from our partners is at an early stage of consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To manage the potential risks of changes to eligibility criteria/social care assessments on hospital admissions and discharges <p>BCF outcomes have been agreed for emergency admission reduction and delayed transfers of care. Risks to delivery will be managed through the Joint Executive Management Committee. The CCGs has included as an entry in its risk register the risk that implementation of the Care Act 2013 will significantly impact on the delivery of adult social care and this may adversely impact on some of the integrated care pathways that have been established across health and social care.</p> Financial risks <p>The implementation of the Care Act could put a financial pressure in the BCF pooled budget. To mitigate this, a financial risk share agreement is being drawn up between the CCG and Local Authority which will form part of the Better Care Fund Section 75 agreement.</p>
BHRUT	<p>We have identified that there may be issues and challenges relating to acute hospital admission and discharge and safeguarding but these will be managed in agreement with partner agencies and Commissioners.</p>

	<p>5) What are the issues, if any, that need to be escalated to the H&WBB for discussion?</p>
NELFT	<p>None that are solely confined to NELFT. The Trust would, however, welcome some discussion at H&WBB level of the likely / possible disruption to the local market for residential care as price discrimination between LA procured and self-funded provision becomes more obvious to consumers.</p>
B&D CCG	<p>It would be helpful to discuss potential risks to the delivery of the BCF outcomes resulting from the Care Act implementation.</p>
BHRUT	<p>There are no issues the Trust would wish to escalate to the H&WBB.</p>

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