

What the proposal would mean

Department of Health definition:**CRITICAL:**

- Life is, or will be threatened; and/or
- Significant health problems have developed or will develop, and/or
- Serious abuse or neglect has occurred or will occur

Carer – their life is, or will be, threatened.

Carer – Major health problems have developed or will develop.

These are some examples of what this might mean

- Help will prevent serious health problems, or avoid a serious existing condition deteriorating (including users and carers mental health).
- Users and/or carers have a severe mental illness, which places them and/or others at significant risk of harm.
- Users and/or carers have a life threatening substance misuse problem, which requires urgent treatment or a rehabilitation programme.
- Users and/or carers are unable to recognise that things they do in or around their home place them or others at significant risk of harm, for example, leaving the gas on, wandering in the night.
- Users and/or carers must be protected from abuse that might include: violence or the threat of violence; degrading treatment; sexual abuse; emotional abuse; financial abuse or exploitation.
- All users must be protected from serious avoidable deterioration in their health and well being as a result of neglect, that is the failure to take the necessary actions either for themselves or because others are not helping them.
- Users and/or carers are experiencing, or expect to experience a significant deterioration or loss of sight or hearing.
- Users and/or carers need support with taking essential medication (a health care responsibility but may be provided as part of an overall support arrangement).

<p>Department of Health definition:</p> <p>CRITICAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is, or will be, little or no control over the vital aspects of the immediate environment <p>Carer – there, is or will be, an extensive loss of autonomy for the carer in decisions about the nature of tasks they will perform and how much time they will give to their caring role.</p>	<p>These are some examples of what this might mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Help is required to avoid admission to the hospital or to avoid a delay in being discharged from hospital. ▪ Help is required to avoid an admission to a residential or nursing home placement. ▪ Users and/or carers have seriously impaired short-term memory and without assistance and care throughout a 24 hour period would be at extreme risk. ▪ Due to users and/or carers physical or mental health problems or disability they need help with their care at many times throughout the day or night. ▪ Users and/or carers are unable, or able only with equipment or assistance, to get in and out of bed, their chair or wheelchair or to use the toilet. ▪ Without help users would be unable to change position often enough to avoid harm to their health eg pressure areas. ▪ Users and/or carers are unable to request help to make their needs known. ▪ Users and/or carers might not recognise risks to themselves arising from their physical or mental health problems, and/or cannot recognise risks in their environment to their personal safety. ▪ Users and/or carers home is unsafe for them and they are at serious risk of injury eg risk of falling on the stairs or steps. ▪ The carer has no choice over the tasks they perform in their caring role or how much time they devote to the caring role.
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<p>Department of Health definition:</p> <p>CRITICAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is, or will be, an inability to carry out vital personal care or domestic routines <p>Carer - There is, or will be, an inability to look after their own domestic needs and other daily routines while sustaining their caring role.</p>	<p>These are some examples of what this might mean</p> <p>Users are unable * to carry out the following activities of daily living and have no other help available to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting washed all over often enough to avoid harm to their health. The minimum would be once a week. ▪ Washing your face and hands each day. ▪ Getting dressed. ▪ Getting into and out of bed each day. ▪ Using the toilet. ▪ Getting in and out of their chair / wheelchair. ▪ Getting a meal. ▪ Eating and drinking adequately for their health. ▪ Keeping the place where they live sufficiently clean and well maintained to avoid serious risk of harm to their health eg. aggravation of a respiratory problem or deterioration in their mental health. ▪ Without constant reminders and prompting from others, users might not complete these vital personal care tasks. ▪ The carer is, or will in the foreseeable future, be unable to manage vital aspects of their own domestic needs and daily routines due to their caring role and require social care support. <p>“Users are unable” means it is so hard for users to do that it is dangerous and/or users find it extremely difficult and/or it takes substantial amounts of time and/or leaves users extremely tired.</p>
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<p>Department of Health definition:</p> <p>CRITICAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vital involvement in work, education or learning, cannot, or will not, be sustained, and/or • Vital social support systems and relationships cannot, or will not, be sustained, and/or • Vital family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not, be undertaken <p>Carer – many significant social support systems and relationships are, or will be, at risk.</p> <p>Carer – involvement in employment or other responsibilities is, or will be, at risk.</p>	<p>These are some examples of what this might mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Users have a severe and enduring mental health problem (e.g. are under Section 117) or significant disability and without help users are at serious risk of losing their employment, education or social support networks. ▪ Users have a severe and enduring mental health problem or significant disability and without help in the form of advice, preparation, counselling and job coaching, they will be unable to take advantage of opportunities for appropriate work. ▪ Users are unable * without help (and it is unavailable to them) to care for their adult dependants, without which support they will have significant health or social care needs. ▪ Users children are taking on inappropriate responsibility for providing care for them. ▪ Users are experiencing extreme isolation and have no immediate social networks like neighbours or family.
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