

Review of Fair Access to Care Services - Questions for contributing authorities

1. Before making the final decision to change the FACS bandings, what methods did you feed into the review process (eg. consultation? with whom?)?
2. If a decision has been made to restrict the number of bands provided for, what, if any, significant savings occurred as a result?
3. Could you please provide an assessment of the proportion of the number of clients in each band before and after the changes?
4. Where re-assessments were carried out on existing clients did you await the scheduled review or bring them forward?
5. If reviews were brought forward what was the impact of this extra work on your ability to maintain timely assessment services?
6. What impact did changing bands have on performance? What was done in order to maintain or improve CSCI ratings?
7. What provision has been put in place to advise/help those who have needs that fall outside of the bands that you now provide care for (if applicable)?
8. What advice is given to clients who are not supplied with aids/adaptations and who wish to/ need to purchase their own?
9. Has extra funding been channelled into the local voluntary sector in order to fund such provision? Please provide details. Were any savings re-invested to provide for this?
10. Was third sector/private infrastructure already in place, or has this needed significant capacity building?
11. Can you provide information on how adult social care / aids and adaptations are funded in your local authority, especially in terms of what is received from external sources?
12. Are there any additional learning and points to note that Stockton should take on board as we goes through the process?