



Managing Resources

Course Aims

In this module we'll look at how the reductions in public spending necessitated by the budgetary deficit may be mitigated by the role of the practitioner, and how resources can be managed more effectively in order to meet identified eligible needs.

Course Objectives

- ✓ Recognise the impact of public spending programmes on adult social care
- ✓ Identify the factors that impact on expenditure available for social services
- ✓ Identify stages in the customer care pathway where operational efficiencies are possible
- ✓ Recognise why all alternatives to locally funded social care must be maximised
- ✓ Identify how universal services, support planning, reablement, and intermediate care contribute to the efficient use of resources
- ✓ Understand the role that proportionate assessments, personalisation, eligibility and support planning plays in resource management
- ✓ Identify the key economic factors that will shape the delivery of adult social care in the future





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At a time when the demand for social care support is rising, the funding for social care is likely to fall as a result of public spending cuts that are required to reduce the public spending deficit in the UK. This module supports practitioners to recognise that their daily interactions impact on the social care budget. Good resource management is not just about ensuring that the social care budget remains in the black, it is also key to the number of individuals the department can support and importantly relates to the independence and well being of the individuals who require support as over provision of social care support can lead to premature dependency for the individual.

This module highlights to practitioners the imperative that all decisions made must be within the context of budgets that are coming under unprecedented and increasing pressure. It promotes the message that the best use of resources at every level across all client groups consistently, is the fairest and most sustainable way of bridging the gap. Historic commitments, reduced funding, rising costs and escalating demand must be proactively managed in order to deliver positive outcomes for existing service users, future users, and their carers.

