



Adult Social Care Jargon Buster

Acronym	Words	Meaning
ASC	Adult Social Care	Adult social services within the Redcar and Cleveland Borough.
ADASS	Association of Directors of Adult Social Services	The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) is a charity representing directors of adult social services in England and is a leading body on social care issues.
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	The activities of daily living (ADLs) is a term used to collectively describe fundamental skills required to independently care for oneself, such as eating, bathing, and mobility.
AMHP	Approved Mental Health Professional	A mental health professional who has been approved by social services to work within the legal framework of the Mental Health Act 2007. The AMHP will complete an assessment under the Mental Health Act to decide if an adult needs to be admitted or detained in hospital.
AOB	Any Other Business	Anything else you want to talk about at the end of the meeting.
APIM	Adult Practice Improvement Meeting	A meeting of team managers and service managers from Adult Care to review evidence-based practice to ensure continuous improvements in care provided to adults in the Redcar Borough.
ASYE	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment	The assessed and supported year in employment (ASYE) is a programme that gives newly qualified social workers extra support during their first year of employment.
ATM	Assistant Team Manager	The Assistant Team Manager is responsible for supporting the Team Manager with the general management of a team of care staff and will deputise in the Team Manager's absence. This may include direct care to the student/resident along with supporting, coaching and managing a team of Senior/Support Workers.
BIA	Best Interest Assessor	In undertaking their assessment, the best interest assessor is required to consider the views of anyone named by the person as someone to be consulted, anyone engaged in caring for the person, anyone interested in the person's welfare, or anyone who has Lasting Power of Attorney for the person.
BILD	British Institute for Learning Disabilities	The British Institute of Learning Disabilities is an organisation which works to improve the lives of people in the UK with a learning disability.



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CA	Care Act	The Care Act aims to ensure the wellbeing of people in need of care and support services. It also aims to bring about the personalisation of care services, putting the person at the centre of the process. Under the Act, anyone who a local council thinks might need care and support is entitled to a needs assessment, which must be provided free of charge. The assessment is usually carried out by a social worker, or sometimes an occupational therapist, and results in a care and support plan being drafted. The plan should, where possible, be produced with the input and agreement of the person needing care.
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group	Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) were established as part of the Health and Social Care Act in 2012 and replaced Primary Care Trusts on 1 April 2013.
CHC	Continuing Healthcare	Continuing healthcare funding is free healthcare provided by the NHS which can be provided in a variety of settings outside hospital, such as in your own home or in a care home.
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team	Community Mental Health Team are able to help support and treat you for severe and complex mental health difficulties, referring you onto other services where appropriate.
COVID-19	Coronavirus	A contagious disease. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. It spread quickly worldwide in 2019 resulting in the COVID-19 pandemic.
CQC	Care Quality Commission	The independent regulator of health and social care in England. They ensure health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high-quality care and we encourage care services to improve.
CT	Carers Together	Carers Together offer friendly and confidential services that aim to ease the pressure of caring. The team of staff and volunteers are on hand to help carers with any issues they may face, including benefits, health problems, housing, training, employment, taking a break from caring or concerns about the person they care for.
DAS	Dementia Adviser Service	The dementia adviser makes it easier for people with dementia to self-manage, live more independently and seek out the right support at the right time.
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant	A grant from the council to pay for essential housing adaptations to assist disabled person.



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DHSC	Department of Health & Social Care	A government body who sets the strategy to help UK adults to live independently and have healthier lives for longer. They oversee the health and social care system within England.
DLA	Disability Living Allowance	Disability Living Allowance (DLA) has been replaced by Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for disabled people.
DN	District Nurse	a nurse who visits and treats patients in their homes, operating in a specific area or in association with a particular general practice surgery or health centre.
DoLS	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding	The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards is the procedure prescribed in law when it is necessary to deprive a resident or patient of their liberty who lacks capacity to consent to their care and treatment in order to keep them safe from harm.
DP	Direct Payments	Payments paid directly to adults so that they can organise and pay for the services that they need, rather than use the services the council offers. This gives you much more flexibility and control of your support package.
DP1	Direct Payment Agreement with Direct Payment Recipient	A direct payment agreement for an adult with capacity to sign and confirm the rules outlined within the agreement.
DP2	Direct Payment Agreement with an Authorised Person	A direct payment agreement for an authorised person acting on behalf of an adult who has been assessed as lacking mental capacity to make decisions about their care.
DPA	Deferred Payment Agreement	An agreement with the Council that allows you to use the value of your home to help pay towards the cost for your residential or nursing home care.
DST	Decision Support Tool	The Decision Support Tool used in NHS continuing healthcare funding decisions – is a document which helps to record evidence of an individual's care needs to determine if they qualify for continuing healthcare funding.
DWP	Department of Work and Pensions	This is responsible for welfare, pensions, and child maintenance policy.
EDT	Emergency Duty Team	A social services team that responds to out-of-hours referrals where intervention from the council is required to protect a child or adult with care and support needs, and where it would not be safe, appropriate or lawful to delay that intervention to the next working day.



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EMI	Elderly Mentally Infirm	A nursing home for adults who have dementia including Alzheimer's.
EPA	Enduring Power of Attorney	Having an EPA in place gives you the comfort of knowing that if something does happen to you, someone you trust has the legal authority to make the decisions that need to be made.
FA1	Receipt of Financial Assessment Form	A Receipt of Financial Assessment Form.
FA2	Financial Assessment Form	If assessed as requiring care and support, the financial assessment form should be completed to determine if you have to pay for your care or if you will be entitled to assistance.
HI	Hearing Impaired	The term "hearing impaired" is often used to describe people with any degree of hearing loss, from mild to profound, including those who are deaf and those who are hard of hearing.
ICB	Integrated Care Board	The part of the local Integrated Care System with responsibility for NHS functions and budgets. This includes NHS Continuing Healthcare. ICB's have replaced Clinical Commissioning Groups, with effect from 1 July 2022.
ICLs	Intensive Community Liaison Service	Provides services for people aged over 65 and over with severe or acute mental ill health (a functional mental health illness or a degenerative organic illness).
LA	Local Authority	A council service to people and businesses within the borough. This covers social care, housing, planning waste collection, registrar, licensing, and environmental health.
LD	Learning Disability	An adult with reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities.
LFT	Lateral Flow Test	Lateral flow is an established technology, adapted to detect proteins (antigens) that are present when a person has COVID-19. The best-known example of a lateral flow test is the home pregnancy test kit. The test kit is a hand-held device with an absorbent pad at one end and a reading window at the other.
LGSCO	Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman	If a person has made a complaint against a public body using their Complaints Process and does not feel a resolution has been found they have the right to ask for an independent review by the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman.



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LPA	Lasting Power of Attorney	A legal document that enables an adult (who has mental capacity) to appoint another adult to make decisions on their behalf for health and welfare and/or property and financial affairs.
MCA	Mental Capacity Act	Law to help adults (over 16) who lack capacity to make decisions about their care and treatment.
MFFD	Medically Fit for Discharge	Medically Fit for Discharge is described as the point at which care, and assessment can safely be continued in a non-acute setting.
MH	Mental Health	Emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing affecting how we think, feel, and act.
MSP	Making Safeguarding Personal	Making safeguarding personal means it should be person-led and outcome-focused. It engages the Adult in a conversation about how best to respond to their safeguarding situation in a way that enhances involvement, choice and control as well as improving quality of life, wellbeing and safety.
NHS	National Health Service	Government funded medical and health services for people in the UK.
NHSE	National Health Service England	A public body of the Department of Health and Social Care to support the NHS to deliver improved care for adults by working in partnership with frontline with health and care staff, patients, and their families.
OP	Older People	Generally, someone aged over 65 years of age.
OPMH	Older Peoples Mental Health	Mental Health support for those typically aged over 65.
OT	Occupational Therapist	An OT treat injured, ill, or disabled patients through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. They help patients develop, recover, improve, as well as maintain the skills needed for daily living and working.
PA	Personal Assistant	An assistant employed by the service through a direct payment.
PALS	Patient Advice and Liaison Service	AN NHS service to provide confidential advice, support, and information on health matters for patients and their families.
PB	Personal Budget	The amount of money you are given for your care. This is similar to an Individual Budget but is only made up of funding for social care.
PC	Personal Care	Personal care means anything done for you that's of a personal nature. This may include personal hygiene – bathing, showering, hair washing, shaving, oral hygiene and nail care. continence management – toileting, catheter/stoma care, skin care, incontinence laundry and bed changing.



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PD	Physical Disability	A physical and/or mental impairment that has an impact and long-term effect on your ability to do every tasks.
PIP	Personal Independence Payment	This is a benefit for people aged between 16 and 64 who, because of a long-term illness or disability, may need help with daily activities or getting around.
POC	Package of Care	A combination of services put together to meet a person's assessed needs as part of a care plan.
PRN	Pro Re Nata (As Needed)	In medical terminology, it is often abbreviated PRN or P.R.N. and refers to the administration of prescribed medication as the situation calls for it.
PSW	Principal Social Worker	An advanced practitioner to lead, oversee, support, and develop excellent social work practice, implement standards, to facilitate professional development of social workers, to ensure ethical decision making and lead on learning from best practice.
QA	Quality Assurance	A desired level or standard of service throughout each stage of a process.
RCBC	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	Local authority covering Redcar, Brotton, Guisborough, the Greater Eston part of Middlesbrough, Loftus, Saltburn and Skelton.
SAR	Safeguarding Adult Review	A multi-agency review process to establish if actions could have been done differently to prevent harm in the future.
SALT	Speech & Language Therapist	A Speech and Language Therapist is a practitioner who supports adults where there are concerns with the management of disorders of speech, language, communication and swallowing.



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SBS/STP	Short Break Stay / Short Term Placement	Short breaks provide opportunities people to spend time away from their primary carers. These include day, evening, overnight or weekend activities and take place in their own home, the home of an approved carer, a residential or community setting.
SCO	Social Care Officer	Social Care Officers organise care and support for older people (aged 65 or over), people with a learning disability, physical disability, having difficulty with their hearing or sight, mental health problems and young people and adults who care for relatives or friends.
SCP	Serious Concerns Protocol	A protocol to be applied by the local authority when there are serious safeguarding risks about a service provided for adults.
SDM	Safeguarding Decision Making	The decision-making guidance to support completing an adult safeguarding referral.
SG	Safeguarding	Safeguarding means protecting a person's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.
SI	Sensory Impairment	Sensory impairment is when one of your senses; sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste, and spatial awareness, is no longer functioning normally.
SMT	Senior Management Team	Team consisting of Assistant Director, Service Managers and Principal Social Worker who plan and direct the work of staff working in Adult Care.
SPA/SPOA	Single Point of Access	A single route of referral and enquiry for a whole range of local services offered by either health or social care.
SW	Social Worker	Social workers are professionals who aim to enhance overall well-being and help meet basic and complex needs of communities and people.
SSD	Social Services Department	Social Services is a government-led organisation that aims to protect the wellbeing of vulnerable adults. You can find the department that serves your area from your Local Authority.
TA	Trusted Assessor	A Trusted Assessor carries out assessments of hospital patients on behalf of care homes, who need to consider what the patient's needs are and whether they would be able to meet those needs.
TATI	Team Around the Individual	The focus of the Team Around the Individual approach is to improve communication, coordination and interagency risk management with adults carers and their families where inter agency planning forums have not made sufficient progress to reduce risk and secure improved outcomes.



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TCES	Tees Community Equipment Service	TCES loans out equipment and medical aids to assist people with daily living. This helps older and disabled people to live more independently and for longer in their own homes.
TOC	Transfer of Care	This relates to the Transfer of Care Hub. A physical base where hospital discharges are facilitated from. Our Hospital Social Workers and other professionals from health and social care are based there.
TM	Team Manager	Team managers oversee the activities and productivity of employees on their team. They keep operations flowing by ensuring employees carry out instructions and perform at their best levels.
TSAB	Tees Safeguarding Adults Board	Statutory body working across the four local boroughs (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton) to protect and promote an adults right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.
VI	Visual Impairment	Visual impairment is the term used to describe a loss of sight that cannot be corrected using glasses or contact lenses.

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