



Planning4care – a big step forward in strategic needs assessment for older people's social care

Planning4care provides essential analysis for strategic needs assessment to help you build realistic and sustainable commissioning strategies for older people through:

- A web-based analysis tool
- A 'standalone' printed and electronic strategic needs assessment report for your area based on the outputs of the analysis tool
- Geographical maps of needs and current service take-up
- Exploration of alternative care scenarios
- National and regional comparators

Why is Planning4care different from other tools, e.g. Poppi

Analysis – not just data

Planning4care uses data from a wide range of sources to produce analysis outputs which directly inform the development of sustainable commissioning strategies

Needs based

Planning4care adopts a needs classification, i.e. a set of clearly defined levels of need for support with activities of daily living, and estimates the current and projected numbers of people aged 65+ expected to fall into each of these groups

Whole population

Using the needs classification, Planning4care segments the total 65+ population into potential target groups for social care – from low

level preventative support to intensive care packages. It also provides breakdowns of how care is currently provided, i.e. publicly funded, (potentially) self funded and informal support

Local area analysis

Planning4care uses local level risk factors to produce needs estimates that reflect the individual profiles of different localities – down to small area level

Links to service options and costs

Planning4care links needs estimates to care options and costs – crucial for building sustainable commissioning strategies

Planning for uncertainty

Planning4care lets you explore 'what-if' scenarios

Robust

Planning4care builds on the national models for long term care projections used in the Wanless Review of Social care

Analysis for YOUR AREA is available NOW

Planning4care can produce analysis now to help you with your Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. To see what is available, you can:

- View or download a copy of the strategic needs assessment report for an example authority at www.planning4care.org.uk/example_report.pdf
- Register for access to the full web-based tool at www.planning4care.org.uk/register

"It's going to give us a more sophisticated model for planning demand, and the need for different types of services in the long term, as well as getting a sense of the costs of those services."
Head of adult social care and performance and development, Brighton & Hove

Planning4care costs for public sector organisations¹

Strategic Needs Assessment Report

- Printed standard report containing the key outputs from the analysis tool costs £3,500

Standard package

The Planning4care standard package for public sector organisations costs £5,000. This includes:

- Web-based access to the Planning4care tool for a single Local Authority area
- Access to regional and national comparator data
- 12 months' updates as updated population projections (ONS) and service data (KIGS/ Information Centre) become available
- Printed standard report containing the key outputs from the analysis tool
- Two standard care scenarios (one based on continuation of current service patterns and the other on the Wanless core outcomes model)
- Facility to adjust current service patterns and unit costs in line with local values
- A half day introductory briefing

Added-value services

Optional additional services include:

- Ongoing updates on population projections (ONS) and service data (KIGS/ Information Centre) [£1,000-£2,000 per year,

depending on number of years]

- Set of local MSOA level maps plotting socioeconomic indicators and numbers of people with different levels of social care needs; geographic distribution of current social care clients can be overlaid if postcode data can be supplied [£2,000 per set]
- Short report following data update, outlining main impacts [£250 per report]
- Analysis of a further set of core scenarios including changes in levels of informal care and the impact of changes in population health [£2,500 per set]

Group discounts

Discounted rates are available to groups of councils purchasing Planning4care jointly and at the same time. These councils would have the additional benefit of having access to the data for each member of the group.

Additional assistance with Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Planning4care team can provide assistance with other aspects of the JSNA, including core data set and mapping or health and well-being inequalities.

¹ The licence allows access to be shared by all members of the Local Strategic Partnership