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Responding to the Adult Social Care White Paper Reforms “People at the Heart of Care”

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“The Reforms”

Ambitions extensive, but can be summarised as:

- Enacting in October 2023 the “The funding reforms” put “on hold” during implementation of the Care Act 2014
- Innovations and investment in models of care, support for the care workforce and for carers
- A new assurance and inspection framework for the Adult Social Care delivered by Local Authorities and Integrated Care Systems

(Ambitions for integration with health set out in the white paper “Health and Social Care integration- Joining up Care for People and Places and Populations” are considered separately on the agenda)

People at the “Heart of Care” sets a 10-year vision to transform support and care in England based on 3 objectives:

1. People have choice, control, and support to live independent lives.
2. People can access outstanding quality and tailored care and support.
3. People find adult social care fair and accessible.

Innovations and investment in models of care, support for the care workforce and for carers

What is required by Government

- Making every decision about care a decision about housing
- Using the full potential of technology to support people's lives and aspirations
- Building a system that can develop and adopt new ways of providing care and support to people at scale
- Focusing on prevention and health promotion to support people to live healthier lives for longer

Proposed national investment of “at least £300 million over the next 3 years to connect housing with health and care, and drive the stock of new supported housing”

Work so far

Maximising market & national investment opportunities through our new commissioning strategies:

- “A Better Life for Older People”,
- “A Better Life: For People of Working Age with Support Needs, and
- “A Better Life for Carers”
- Links to Housing and accommodation strategies

(See Separate agenda item)

A new assurance and support framework for the Adult Social Care delivered by Local Authorities

What is required by Government

- Independent assessment of local authorities by the CQC (“baselining” to commence from April 2023)
- Enhanced improvement support, led by the sector from October 2022
- Mechanism to intervene, as a last resort, if a local authority is “failing”
- Better data: including a new Adults Social Care Data Framework (imminent) and revisions to the current Adult’s Social Care Outcome Framework (ASCOFF) (Autumn of this year)

Details of national approach still under development

Work so far

- Collective engagement between local government and CQC on the emerging assurance framework
- Assessment of data requirements & analysis in advance of national release of data framework

Next steps :

- Self assessment against emerging framework with independent peer support
- Appointment of Dedicated lead for this work imminent

“The Funding Reforms”

What is required by Government

- £86,000- “Cap” on Cost of Care a “Care Account” & six monthly statement for every person in care – (local authority & self funded)
- Only costs of care, as defined within a needs assessment,, counts towards “Cap” at local authority rate

Not necessarily what people will expect or have purchased,- challenge and disputes likely if expectations are not well managed

- More generous means tested support for anyone with less than £100,000 in chargeable assets
- Section 18(3) extends right to request self funded care home placements be arranged by the council at “Fair Cost of Care” rates and for the individual to “top up” other costs

Potential market disruption given difference between local authority rates and those paid by “self funders”

Reforms financially incentivise the majority of “self funders” to seek an assessment from their local authority, and request them to arrange both bedded and home care on their behalf.

Represents “step change in demand” on a workforce which is nationally recognised as already under capacity

Requires innovation in self service, automation, and trusted assessments by partner providers

Work so far

Joint work with ADASS & SW Authorities on reform preparations

- Financial modelling of costs and risk
- Reviewing implementation requirements

Engagement with Care Management system suppliers:

- Can be expected to produce system upgrades (dependent on national specification)

Developing increases in capacity

- Initial modelling of demand
- Planning for development of digital offer for rollout during 2023

Market management to address impact of S18 (see next slide)

Market Reform and Dorset's Approach

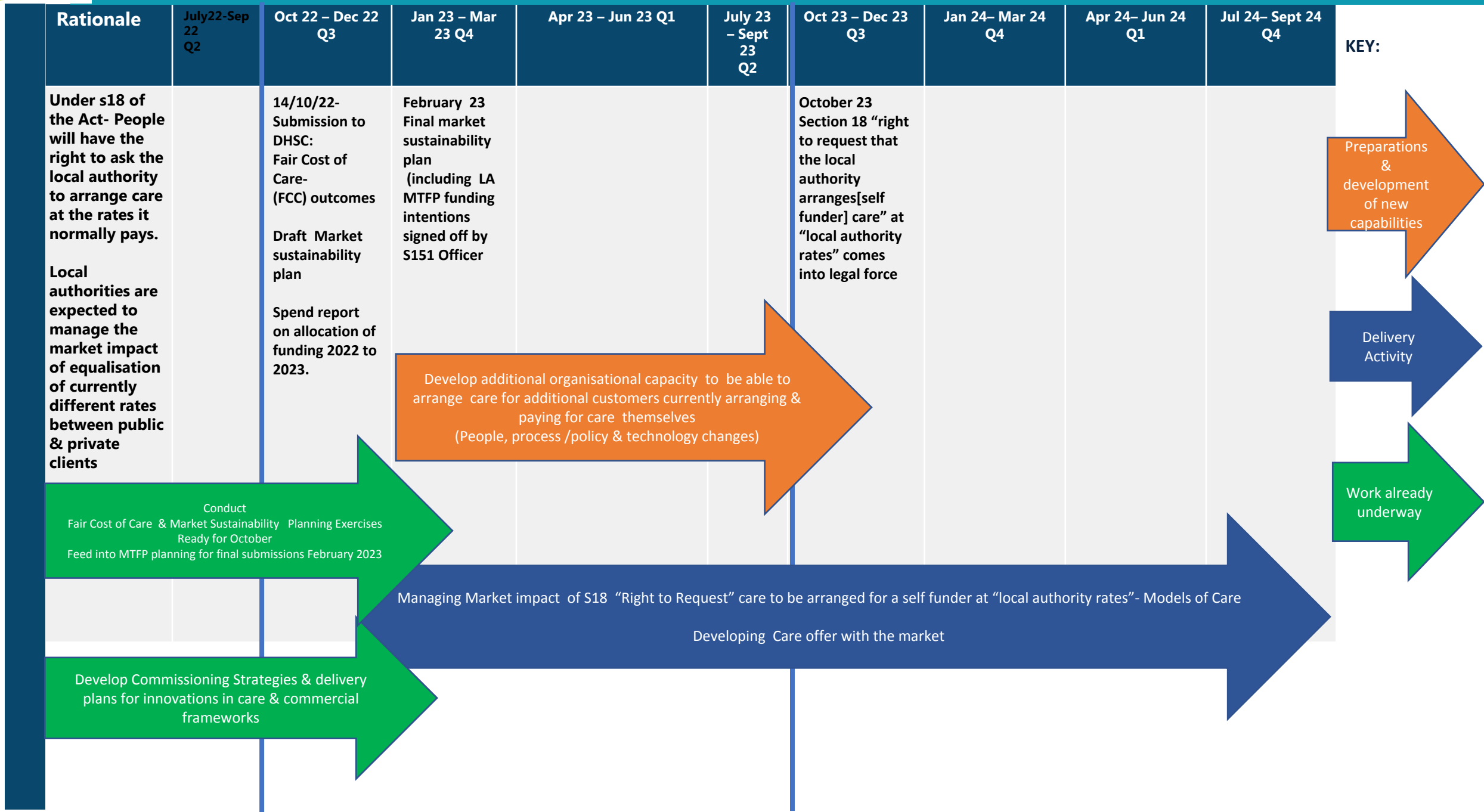
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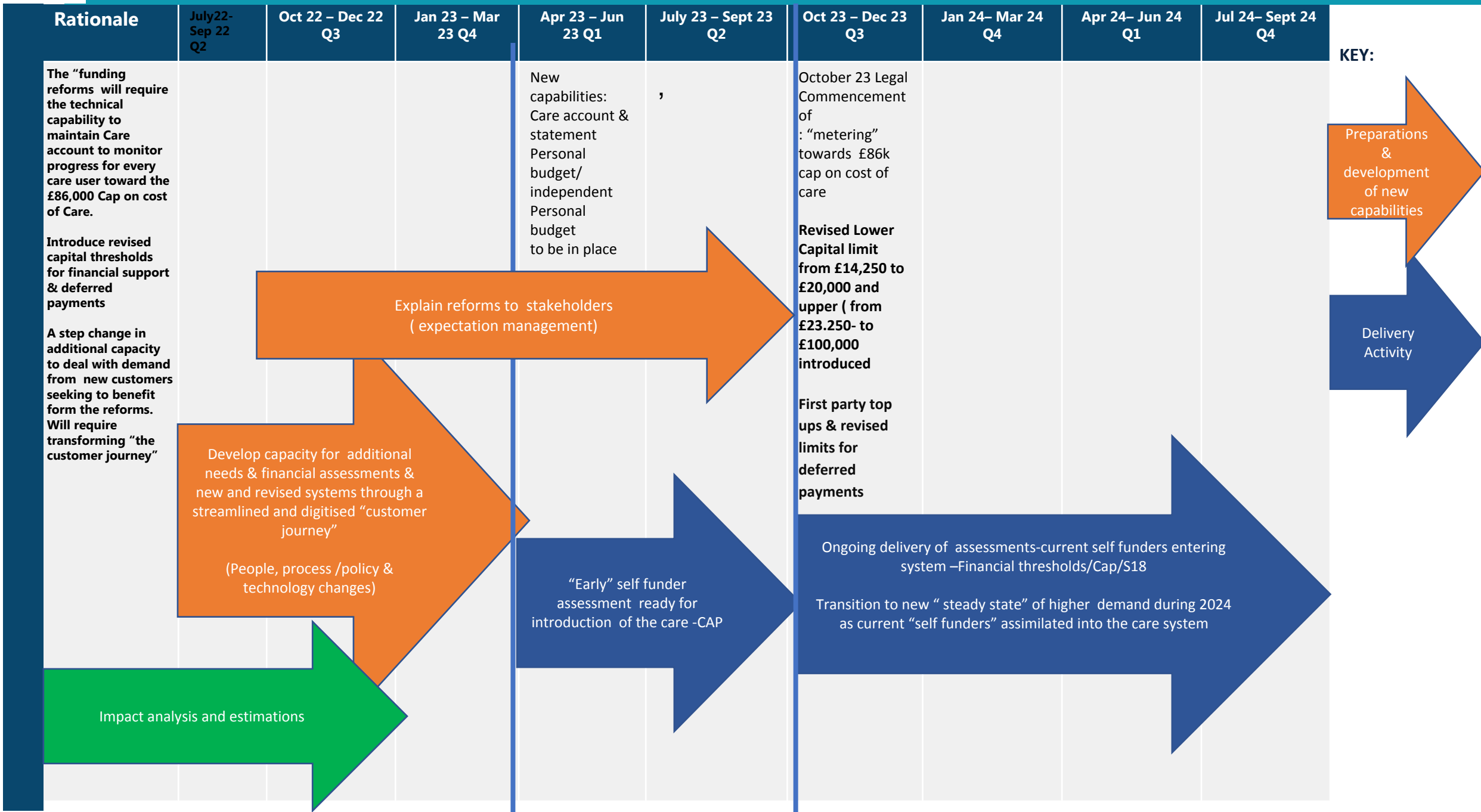
A Plan to move to paying the fair cost over the period to 2025, based on a robust analysis of the costs of providing care. Strong emphasis on older people's residential and homecare market, but should cover all sectors.

- Undertake 'fair cost of care' exercises, including
 - local costs such as staff pay and travel time
 - return on capital for care homes
 - return on operations for homecare and care homes
- Submit a provisional Market Sustainability Plan in October 2022
 - Set out issues in current market caused by fee rates and future risks
 - Outline the pace at which the Council intends to move from current rates to 'fair' rates between now and 2025
- Submit final costed version, aligned to LA budget setting in February 2023

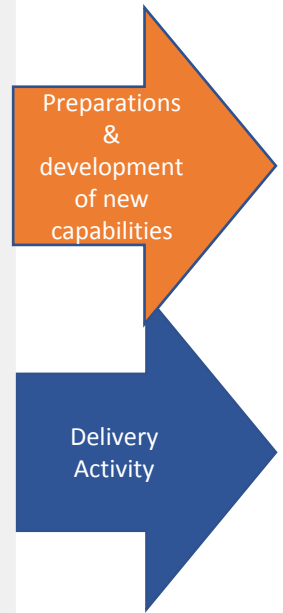
Work so far

- Commissioned fair cost of care analyses – for this we were ahead of the Government directive to undertake the work
 - Consultancies appointed who were Local Gov Association or Association of Directors of Adult Social Services recommended
 - Market engagement; benchmarking with other authorities
 - Have confirmed that our process meets the national requirements
- Opened up the process for the market to engage with us
 - Briefings, workshops 1:1s and other engagement opportunities
 - Provided a number of extensions to deadlines to give maximum opportunity to engage
- Received draft reports and working through review/clarifications with authors
- Joint work underway with Finance colleagues to ensure robust modelling of any decisions that will inform the Sustainability Plan





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Themes

Rationale	July22-Sep 22 Q2	Oct 22 – Dec 22 Q3	Jan 23 – Mar 23 Q4	Apr 23 – Jun 23 Q1	July 23 – Sept 23 Q2	Oct 23 – Dec 23 Q3	Jan 24– Mar 24 Q4	Apr 24– Jun 24 Q1	Jul 24– Sept 24 Q4		
CQC will be introducing assurance through a new inspection regime & supporting data requirements.	June 22 adult social care data framework Published Signed off Assurance approach's & method (CQC exec July22, DHSC Aug 22)	Update the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework "Autumn 22" Revised Survey of Adult Carers in England and the Adult Social Care Survey timelines TBC National "core support offer" begins		April23 ICS/LA "Baselining" by CQC commences							
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> Oct 22-March 23 CQC build national digital solutions and approach preparing for implementation </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> CQC conducts baselining assessments & Improvement Activity </div>										
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