

Checking if the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months

What the Government says



Important

This booklet tells you what the Government says about whether the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months in Trailblazer areas.

Green writing

In this Easy Read booklet we explain what some words mean.

The first time we mention any of these words, it is in **bold green** writing. We then write what the words mean in a blue box.

These words and what they mean are also in a words list at the back of the booklet.

If any of the words are used later in the booklet, we show them in **normal green** writing. If you see words in **normal green** writing, you can look up what they mean by looking for the blue box earlier in the booklet, or by looking at the Words List.

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About this booklet

On 28 June 2012 we started to ask people if they thought the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months.

We did this because we wanted to get more information about how the Right to Control is working.

This is called a **consultation**. The **consultation** ended on 21 September 2012.

Consultation

This is when the Government asks what people think about its plans.



This booklet tells you these things.

- It tells you about the Right to Control.
- It tells you about the **consultation**.
- It tells you what people said when we asked them if the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months.
- It tells you what the Government says about the **consultation**.

About the Right to Control

The Right to Control is a legal right for disabled people. It was set up in 2010.

The Government set up **Trailblazers** in 7 local council areas to test the Right to Control from December 2010 to December 2012.

Trailblazers

These are the 7 local council areas in England that are testing the Right to Control.

The Right to Control was set up to give disabled people in the **Trailblazer** areas more choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives.



The 13 local councils that make up the **Trailblazer areas** are

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council.
- Essex County Council.
- Leicester City Council.
- London Borough of Barnet.
- London Borough of Newham.
- Manchester Area Partnership. This includes Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council.
- 2 parts of Surrey County Council. The 2 parts are Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

The Right to Control builds on work that has already been done towards making services for each person who needs them. An example of this is using **personal budgets** to pay for adult social care.

Personal budget

This tells a disabled person how much money they can spend on their care and support services. It also shows how it was worked out.



About the consultation

The **consultation** asked people if they thought the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months.

What people said

We had 40 replies to the **consultation**.

One of the questions we asked was

- Do you think the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months?

From the 40 replies we got, 36 people answered that question. All 36 people said the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months.

What the Trailblazers said

We asked the local councils in the 7 **Trailblazers** if they would like to carry on testing the Right to Control for another 12 months.

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council has decided it will not carry on testing the Right to Control after 12 December 2012.

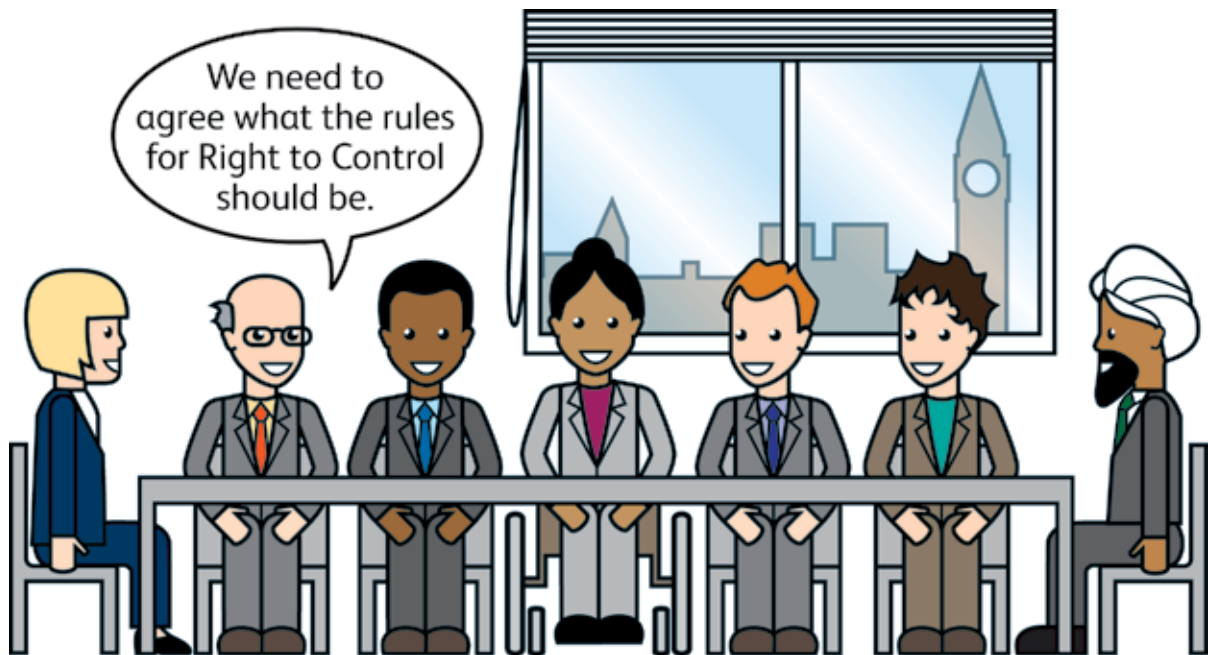
All the other 12 local councils will carry on testing the Right to Control for another 12 months.

What the Government says

We had 36 replies to the question that asked if the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months. All 36 replies said that the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months.

The Government has decided that the Right to Control should carry on for another 12 months from 12 December 2012.

The Government will make a change to the law. They want the new law to start on 12 December 2012. The change to the law then has to be agreed by **Parliament**. As soon as this happens the law will be changed.



Parliament

Parliament is where politicians, who are also called Members of Parliament or MPs, meet to decide rules and laws, and make decisions for the country. It is not the same as government, which runs the country.

Finally...

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the **consultation** and told us what they think.

We will carry on getting as much information as we can about how the Right to Control is working.



We will use this information to help us work out how the Right to Control will work in the future.

Word list

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