

# The needs assessment process (specification 2.1.1 (c))

## GCE AS Unit 2: Supporting health, well-being and resilience in Wales (non-examination assessment)

Task focus: to explain how two of the individual's specific needs could be **identified and assessed** in order to establish how they can achieve their personal outcomes.

- Individuals (children, adults and carers) are entitled to an assessment of their needs (Part 3 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 stating the **Code of Practice** for assessing individuals).
- The purpose of an assessment for care and support is to work with an individual, carer and family, and other relevant individuals, to identify their **personal outcomes** and how they can achieve those outcomes.

### How these needs might be identified and assessed

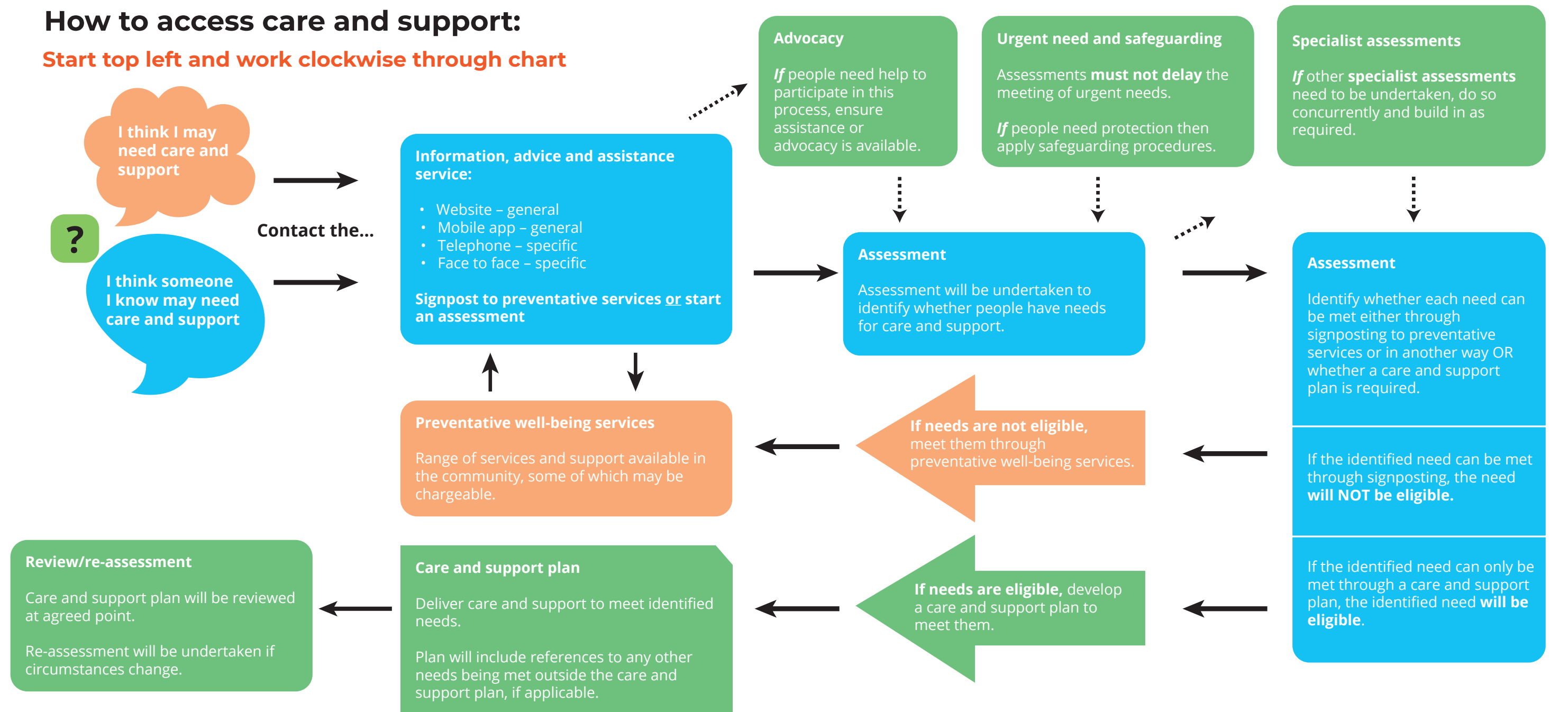
This could be achieved through a **local authority's duty of care**, which aims to provide services, facilities or resources to help prevent, delay or reduce the development of an individual's needs for care and support.

- Assessment can be undertaken by a single practitioner but may require additional specialist advice or assessments to determine eligibility. A named **lead practitioner** takes responsibility for the liaison with others and co-ordination until completion of the assessment.
- Individuals should feel that they are an **equal partner** in their relationship with practitioners and be offered communication using their preferred language.
- Assessments must, as a minimum, record the assessment in line with the **national assessment and eligibility checklist**.
- An individual's needs assessment may be combined with a **needs assessment of their carer**.

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## How to access care and support:

Start top left and work clockwise through chart



**Person-centred care** prioritises the needs of the individual and not the needs of the particular service selected. **Outcome focused care** puts the individual at the centre of provision by identifying what is important in their life and ensuring that everyone is working together to achieve the same purpose of maximising the individual's independence and quality of life.

**Following a needs assessment, a care and support plan** sets out what services should be provided, when they will be provided and who will provide them. The plan needs to be reviewed at least annually. The individual service user has a **financial assessment** that is means tested according to their income, savings and property wealth.