

# FROM RECOGNITION TO RIGHTS

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*“Always, always a duty!  
If left to government  
guidance it will never  
happen”*

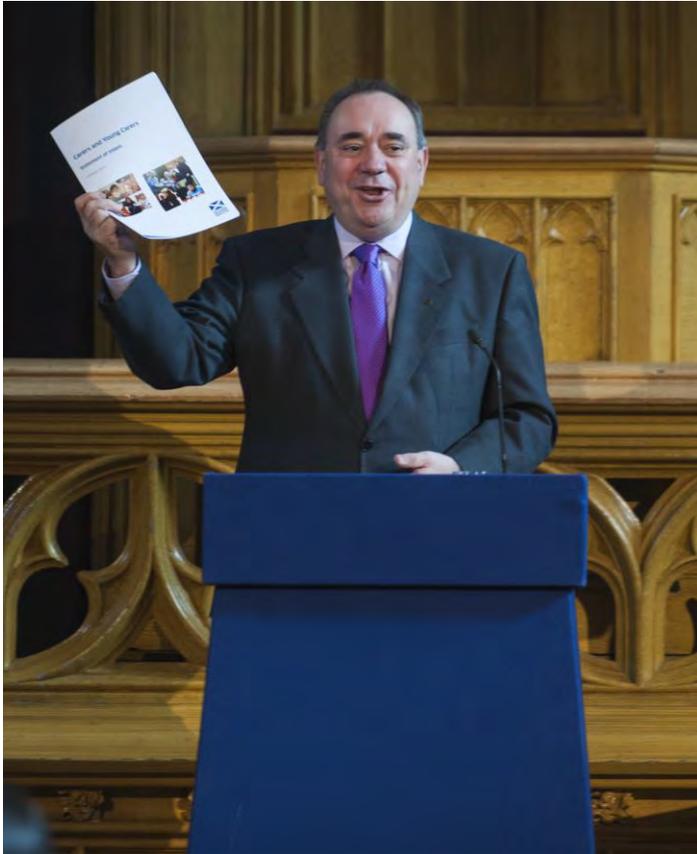
## **From Recognition to Rights**

*“Carers rights should not be seen as a party political issue,  
but a human issue, a community concern, a common  
responsibility which does and will affect all of us at some  
time in our lives”*

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# The Carers (Scotland) Bill

## Background



Announced at the Carers  
Parliament in 2013

Proposals consulted on in  
April 2014

Bill introduced to Parliament  
in March 2015

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# The Carers (Scotland) Bill

## Parliamentary Process



3 Stages before the Bill becomes an Act of law

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Adult Carer Support Plan



Name changed from carers assessment

Removal of regular and substantial

Not reliant on cared-for person receiving a service

Regular review

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Information and Advice



Duty to establish and maintain and information and advice service

Duty to provide carers with information on their rights, the adult carers support plan and services

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Duty to Support Carers



Duty to support carers who meet eligibility criteria

Power to support carers in a preventative manner who do not meet eligibility criteria

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Eligibility Criteria

**Local**

**versus**

**National**



# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Breaks from caring



‘Must consider whether the support should take the form of or include a short break’

Must prepare and publish a short breaks services statement

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Involving Carers in Development of Services and local carer strategies



Local authorities  
Must involve  
carers in carer  
services

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# Main Provisions in the Carers Bill

## Involving Carers in care planning for the person they care for



Local authorities have a duty to take account of the views of carers when assessing the needs and planning the care of the person they care for

# Additional Duties

## Emergency and Future Care Planning



Include  
emergency  
planning and  
future care  
planning as part of  
Adult Carer  
Support Plans

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# Additional Duties

## Hospital Admission and Discharge



Include a duty on health to inform and involve carers in hospital admission and discharge procedures

*“There needs to be equality across the board – everyone assessed using the same eligibility criteria with the same entitlements to support and resources.”*

## **Rights and entitlements – Beyond the Carers Bill**

- **Financial support:** Reform of Carers Allowance, income based on a minimum wage
  - **Employment:** flexible working, paid leave, unpaid leave
  - **Regular breaks from caring:** minimum entitlement for those with substantial caring roles
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# From Recognition to Rights Additional Future Opportunities

- Scottish General Election 2016
  - Implementation of The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 / 2017
  - Further devolved powers for Scotland
  - Scottish local elections 2017
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ARE FOR  
DISABLED PEOPLE  
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