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# Foreword

## Publishing information

This British Standard is published by BSI Standards Limited, under licence from The British Standards Institution, and came into effect on 31 May 2019. It was prepared by Technical Committee CH/440, *Adult social care*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

## Information about this document

This British Standard covers care that is provided for adults in a residential setting, based on the individual's needs and choices.

This British Standard is intended for use by care providers. It is also of relevance to care regulators, inspection bodies, commissioners of services, health and social care professionals, and consumer and advocacy groups.

The practical application of this British Standard needs to take account of the scope of services and the context of the environment in which they are to be provided.

Many aspects of care are covered by legislation, which varies across the different parts of the UK. This British Standard specifies general requirements that can be applied universally.

## Use of this document

It has been assumed in the preparation of this British Standard that the execution of its provisions will be entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people, for whose use it has been produced.

## Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "shall".

*Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.*

Where words have alternative spellings, the preferred spelling of the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary is used (e.g. "organization" rather than "organisation").

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## Introduction

The aim of this British Standard is to provide a framework for care providers to deliver safe, dignified and person-centred care for all adults within a residential setting, enabling them to achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of health and social well-being. This in turn will empower residents to live their lives to the full, make the most of their skills and abilities, and achieve their goals.

The population of the United Kingdom, in common with most of mainland Europe, is ageing. In light of the growing numbers of people requiring residential care, and their higher levels of dependency, there is an increased need for the care sector to provide sustainable care for future generations.

At the time of publication of this British Standard, reviews of comparative adult social care inspection ([1], [2]) indicate a clear movement towards a collaborative approach by care providers to the development of consistent and transparent services. It is in this context that this British Standard has been developed.

The principles encompassed in this British Standard are based on the World Health Organization's principles [3] of:

- effective: provision of evidence-based health care to those who need it;
- safe: avoidance of harm to people for whom the care is intended;
- people-centred: provision of care that responds to individual preferences, needs and values;
- equitable: provision of care that does not vary in quality on account of age, sex, gender, race, ethnicity, geographical location, religion, socioeconomic status, linguistic or political affiliation.

This British Standard is part of a broad stakeholder-focussed initiative to raise standards in care. It has been developed through a collaborative approach by provider organizations, independent inspection bodies, sector experts and healthcare professionals. There are several inspection bodies using proprietary inspection models which have been developed by each body. BS 8606 has been designed as a single standard to be used by care providers alongside existing resources and to be used by any inspection body in the sector.

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## 1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the provision of care for adults requiring support, personal, nursing, and/or specialist care within a residential setting.

It does not cover care for adults in their own homes.

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## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 care

coordinated provision of what is required for the health, well-being and dignity of a resident, optimizing opportunities for residents to live fulfilling lives in the way they wish

### 3.2 care provider

organization that provides care