

# Tim Shaw – Independent

## My Community Network

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Care Act 2015



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**Focus** – *A carer assessment must be completed with the LA, who will then decide whether the carer is eligible for support from the LA. The carer will be entitled to support if they meet the eligibility criteria and the person they care for lives in that LA area. If you are over 18 and receive care and support, or you care for someone yourself, you could benefit from the new Care Act. This could improve the care and support that you, or your loved ones will receive and is designed to help you plan for the future, giving you control over the help you receive. Key changes will come in 2020. **Matthew 15:32***

Dear friends welcome to the March edition of **My Community Network** for keeping you informed of issues that I am representing you on at TMBC. I am a local family man, born and bred in Borough Green. Business man, ex - school governor, Parish & T&MB councillor. My mission includes building a network of support in my political work for improving our community and to represent our people. *This month's edition focuses on 'Care Act 2015' here in Kent*

**Fact** – In April 2015, the Care Act gave local authorities a responsibility to assess the level of support that a carer may need. To do this the local authority will conduct an assessment with the carer to determine whether the carer has needs that require support. Previously, carers did not have a legal right to receive support, however on occasion the LA was able to offer support at their discretion.



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