

Cambridgeshire's Resource Allocation System — the UK Supreme Court Case That Set Rules for Algorithmic Care Budgets

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

England's Resource Allocation System converts a standardised needs questionnaire into a personal care budget; the UK Supreme Court upheld its use in *R (KM) v Cambridgeshire* (2012) but demanded clearer reasoning behind the figures it produces.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Cambridgeshire County Council \(Resource Allocation System, used England-wide\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[11KBW case analysis](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Citizen Network on the Resource Allocation System](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

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