

Ending the Social Care Crisis – A New Road to Reform?

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Drawing on the history of social care, international comparisons and lived experience, it sets out a different road to reform that will secure political traction and public support for change.

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NHS faces bed-blocking crisis

Hospitals will be filled with elderly patients denied local authority care by the cuts, warn health chiefs

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Loss of grants to charities threatens services

Local government loses £1.7bn

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affordable homes, it is about to get worse.

Separately, a 26 per cent cut in the local government grant to £24.2bn will leave councils gasping. Local authorities will have to slash "discretionary" services such as parks, leisure centres, swimming pools and libraries, with many likely to be shut down.

Calling for a greater co-ordination of council care services and NHS

'Yes, for a lot of people it is going to be very difficult'

Danny Alexander on the cuts p12



facilities, he says: "When it comes to the care of the most vulnerable in our society, it really is essential that the NHS and local authorities are in it together."

His warning coincides with the most explicit admission yet from Cabinet minister that

cuts in public spending will cause genuine distress. Danny Alexander, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, says in an interview with the Telegraph that the cuts mean real hardship for a lot of people. Mr Edwards' response to the review, which is to be published in the next few days, will address the issue of reduced funding for local authorities over the next four years.

MPs warned of savage cuts to care for old and disabled

- 'Hundreds of thousands' affected
- Vulnerable could lose home support

was currently classified as "substantive" it would mean no one living in their own home would be able to access such help. "[Care] would only be for those so fragile they are in a residential home."

He said that many elderly people valued seeing a care worker because it helped alleviate loneliness. "For many older people it is a health and safety service helping them to get up in the morning, making sure they are OK in the evening," he added.

Small rise for health honours pledge

NHS boost likely to go on social care

NHS special

By Nicholas Timmins, Public Policy Editor

The National Audit Office is to give a rise in spending on social care of 1.5 per cent over the next three years. The move will be funded by a 0.4 per cent increase in the overall NHS budget.

Budget increase

By Nicholas Timmins, Public Policy Editor

A significant part of the NHS's promised budget increase will end up being spent on social care. Overall NHS spending in England will rise by 0.4 per cent over the next three years.

pressures", he said. A small increase would be insufficient to meet rising demand as up to £20bn of efficiency savings were being sought and the government was proposing "one of the biggest reorganisations in NHS history".

Adult Social Services has warned that "achieving savings on the scale of 25 to 40 per cent" - the cuts it has in effect been asked to plan for - "is simply not feasible" without higher charges and changes to statutory responsibilities.

"It is clear that NHS money will go into social care, either deliberately or not," Mr Edwards said. Without social care support, the NHS would not be able to discharge people ready to leave hospital, he said. "There will be strong

the elderly and disabled withdrawn from hundreds of vulnerable people as a result of cuts to council budgets. Government Association for Social Care, in a written submission to the Health Select Committee, said that the NHS would not be able to discharge people ready to leave hospital, he said. "There will be strong

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Social care costs see thousands chased for debt

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Julia, who has severe mobility issues and home care debts of £4,700, fears bailiffs will be called

By Adam Eley & Alison Holt

BBC News

More than 60,000 adults with disabilities and long-term illnesses in England were chased for debts by councils last year after failing to pay for their social care support at home.

Claimants told the BBC they can't afford the charges amid rising food and rent prices, along with the additional costs of living with disabilities.

Councils took legal action against 330 people in 2021-22.

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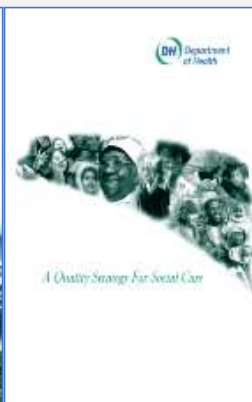
Fourteen Ministers for Care Services

For more on the development of social care funding, see 'A short history of social care funding reform in England: 1997 to 2019' (www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/short-history-social-care-funding)

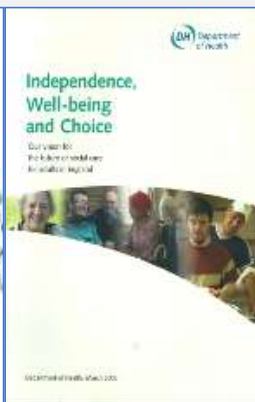
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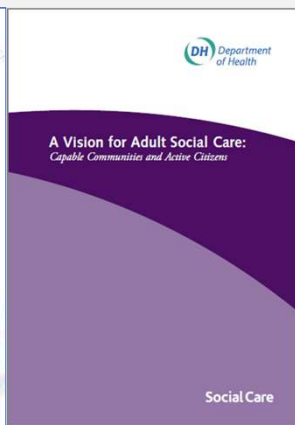
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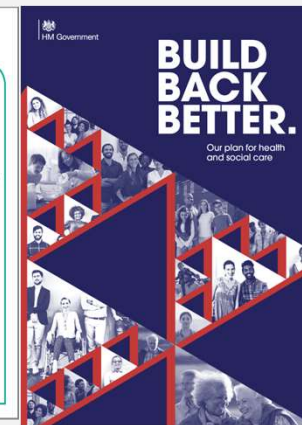
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- ♥ No cap on the cost of care
- ♥ Your home and assets confiscated to pay bills after death
- ♥ Struggling families left to fend for themselves
- ♥ People receiving care at home now forced to pay

"The Tories' social care plan is a death tax by another name"

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By the time the NHS is able to cope with the extra 200,000 people who will be in care, the Tories' plan will have cost £20,000 a week



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May's manifesto meltdown: U-turn on 'dementia tax' leaves PM on back foot

By [Name]

As the Conservative Party's manifesto was unveiled, it was clear that the government's plan to introduce a new death tax on the value of a person's home and assets would be a major sticking point. The plan, which would see the value of a person's home and assets added to their estate, would mean that many people would have to pay for care at home or in a care home. The plan has been widely criticised as a 'dementia tax' because it would force people with dementia to pay for care that they would otherwise be able to receive for free. The government has now announced that it will scrap the plan, but the damage has already been done.



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The Daily Telegraph

Homes aren't an asset to give to your children, says minister

By [Name]

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I have learned from my mistakes,
and I am sure I can repeat them
exactly

— *Peter Cook* —

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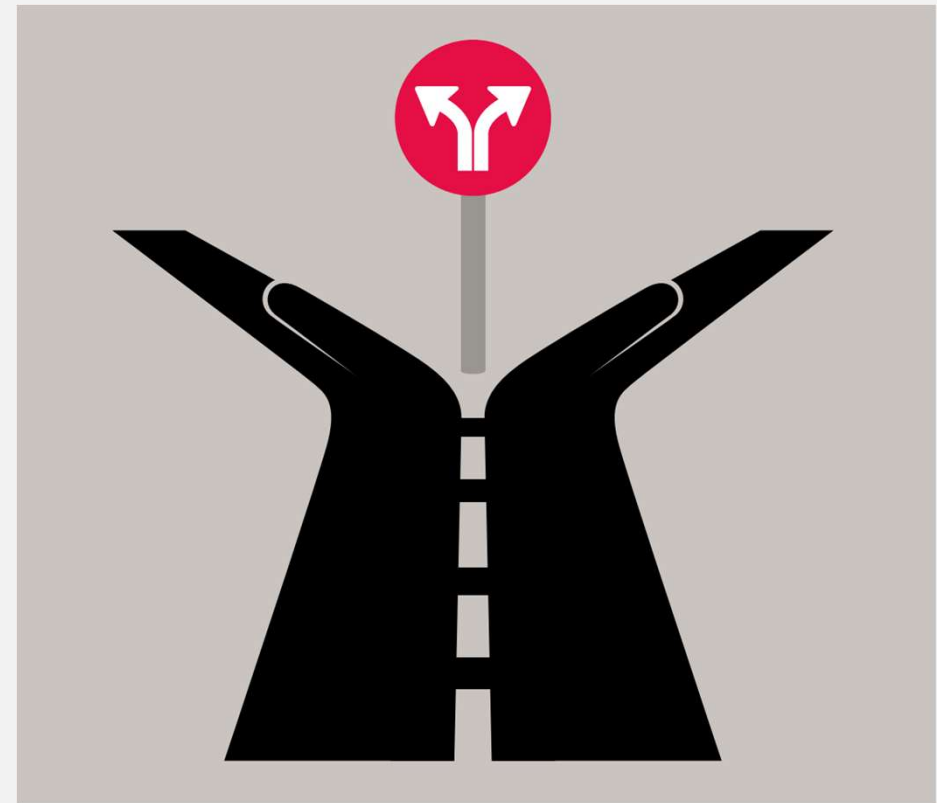
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If social care reform is the answer, what is the question?:

1. What does good care and support look like – what kind of help, how much and of what quality should we reasonably expect? - the question of ***values & entitlements***
2. How should good care and support be provided and by whom? Who should be accountable for how well social care works in meeting people's needs? –the question of ***organisation, governance and delivery.***
3. How much would good care and support cost, now and in the future? How should these costs be shared fairly between individuals, families and the state. How should the state raise the money to pay for publicly funded care? – the question of ***funding.***
4. *Who* provides care and support, both paid and unpaid, and what is the right balance between the responsibilities of families, communities and the state? – the question of ***workforce***

A different road to reform

- ✓ A new focus on building public support
- ✓ Using deliberative democracy & co-production (v. top-down policy making)
- ✓ Shifting from short-term fixes to long term planning – ‘cathedral thinking’
- A new social contract for care
- A redesigned delivery model based on self-directed support & enforceable rights
- A new funding settlement



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“(Care is...) the most fundamental form of support that we offer others that we love and know in our lives. And it’s something we rely on from the time that we’re born to the time that we take our last breath. All of us need and rely on care and provide it at different points in our lives. And so that’s why we say it’s essential. It’s the work that makes all other work possible.”

Ai-Jen Poo,
Caring Across Generations

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments but what is woven into the hearts of others.”

Pericles

Thank you