Raising the Standards of Care Homes: Tackling Vulnerability and Addressing Priorities for Reform

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Thursday 7th June 2018
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

Care homes provide vital services for some of the most vulnerable people in our society. However, research from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) reveals that 2% of care homes are currently rated as inadequate, with 19% of services requiring improvement. Data from the Competition & Markets Authority 2017 report into care homes reveals that the number of people aged 85 or over in England is set to more than double by 2039. With 433,000 people currently occupying care home places in the UK, significant challenges exist around the availability of beds, staffing levels and funding shortages, all requiring urgent action across the UK’s care home sector.

In response, the Government’s 2017 Spring Budget committed an extra £2bn for adult social care over the next three years. Further contributions were made through the Better Care Fund, which pooled a total of £5.9bn of additional funding during the 2016 – 17 period. Most recently, the Government has also announced plans to publish an examination of adult social care in a Green Paper consultation by summer of 2018. This will set out plans for how Government proposes to improve care, support older people and tackle the challenges associated with an ageing population.

However, despite these measures, UK care homes remain at serious risk of being over stretched. Age UK has estimated that an additional £4.8 billion a year is needed to ensure that every older person has access to social care, rising to £5.75 billion by 2020/21. LaingBuisson has also estimated a material funding gap of £1.3 billion a year in the care homes sector in England. This is likely to increase rising rates of insolvency, with 75 care homes declaring insolvency in 2016, compared with 74 in the previous year (Care Homes Journal, 2017). With around 6% of England’s social care workforce coming from the EU (Care Home Market Study, 2017), the impact on the availability of staff following Brexit is also a cause for concern.

In anticipation of the Government’s Green Paper, this symposium will provide the opportunity for local authorities, industry regulators, health and social care services, care home providers and other key stakeholders, to formulate strategies for improving the UK’s care homes. It will also enable all stakeholders to share best practice in developing innovative solutions to support an ageing population.

Why Attend?

- Discuss the CQC’s State of Care Report / CMA Report and identify priorities for improvement
- Assess the impact of Brexit on care home workforce levels
- Scrutinise effective measures that protect the elderly and improve mechanisms to report care home abuse
- Analyse the challenges associated with an ageing population and how to respond to increasing levels of demand
- Examine the role of care managers in ensuring and raising standards of care
- Explore ways of alleviating funding pressures to ensure lasting and sustainable care homes provision
- Determine ways of easing the burden on carers, and improving staff recruitment, retention and morale
- Share best practice on staff training and increasing the provision of information and advice by local authorities

Who Should Attend?

- Central Government and Agencies
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Safeguarding Adults Boards
- Adult Social Services Responsibilities Leads
- Primary Care Trusts
- Care Providers, Social Care Practitioners, Adult Social Services
- Health Practitioners, Health Promotion Agencies
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Patient’s Organisations
- Dementia Care Teams, Dementia Nurses
- Memory Clinics, Clinical Leads and Specialists
- Geriatric Health Teams, Geriatric Psychiatrists
- Occupational Therapists
- Community Health and Outreach Teams, Community Cohesion Officers
- Community Engagement Officers, Community Relations Advisers
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
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Accommodation

Through our partnership with HotelMap, we are able to offer our delegates heavily discounted hotel rates at a wide range of London hotels. To view hotel availability and rates and to book online, visit www.HotelMap.com/MSNUZ/

“…We are committed to reforming social care to ensure we can guarantee everyone dignity and security in old age. It is important we consider a wide variety of views on the future of the social care system – as our ageing population continues to grow it is absolutely vital that we get this right.”

- Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, 2017

The image contains text from a document discussing the state of care homes, the challenges faced, and the government's response. It also mentions the symposium's purpose, why one should attend, and highlights key aspects of the care home sector. The text includes quotes from Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, emphasizing the importance of reforming social care to ensure dignity and security in old age. Furthermore, it provides information on accommodation through a partnership with HotelMap, offering heavily discounted hotel rates for participants.
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Programme

09:30  Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15  Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30  Morning Panel:
      Ensuring Quality Care: Building Resilience and Raising Standards for the Future
      • Engaging with CQC Report and CMA Market Study: Measuring success and identifying areas for improvement
      • Assessing the Implications of Brexit: Preparing for workforce shortfalls
      • Creating Affordable Care Homes: Driving competition and improving choice through increased information for care users
      • Delivering Quality Care: Ensuring vigorous inspections, ratings and safety measures
11:15  Morning Refreshments
11:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30  Networking Lunch
13:30  Afternoon Panel:
      Delivering Compassionate and Responsible Care: Providing Experienced Leadership and Tackling Neglect
      • Upskilling the Workforce: Increasing training and retention of care home staff
      • Delivering Sustainable Care: Working with local authorities for the effective allocation resources
      • Strengthening the Protection of Vulnerable Adults: Expediting the criminal justice response against cases of care home abuse
      • Enhancing Collaboration: Establishing greater integration between local authorities, care groups and the private sector
14:15  Afternoon Refreshments
14:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30  Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40  Networking Reception
16:30  Close

* Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice *

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Forthcoming Events

Ensuring the Resiliency and Value of Public Libraries: Working in Partnership to Maximise Opportunities and Meet Local Needs
5th June 2018

Realising our Vision for Adoption in the UK: Working in Partnership to Deliver Excellent Services Nationwide
6th June 2018

The Future of Social Housing: Engaging with the National Vision and Delivering Flexible Solutions to Meet Local Need
12th June 2018

Reducing the Prevalence of Domestic Violence and Abuse: Improving Identification, Combating Perpetrators and Facilitating Rehabilitation
12th June 2018

The Future of British High Streets and Town Centres: Working in Partnership to Revitalise Essential Social Infrastructure
13th June 2018

Improving Attendance and Behaviour in Schools: Supporting all Pupils to Achieve their Full Potential
13th June 2018

The Future of Primary Care: Overcoming Challenges and Delivering Better Outcomes for Patients
14th June 2018

Taking Action against Hate Crime: Preventing Hate Crime, Prosecuting Perpetrators and Supporting Victims
14th June 2018

Improving Public Health Services for Children Aged 0-5: Strengthening Prevention and Early Intervention to Give Every Child the Best Start in Life
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Tackling Serious and Organised Crime: Reducing the Risk, Threat and Harm
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Ensuring HM Prisons Function as Safe and Purposeful Centres of Reform: Tackling Violence, Reducing Reoffending
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Widening Participation in Higher Education: Boosting Social Mobility, Driving Equality of Opportunity, and Improving Outcomes for All
26th June 2018

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