Westminster Health Forum policy conference: Next steps for adult social care in England *Timing: Morning, Monday, 7th July 2025* ***Taking place online***

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 <u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 Assessing the adult social care system in England and key considerations for policy and stakeholders going forward Professor Andrew Dilnot, Chair, Commission on Funding of Care and Support Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Assessing policy proposals, and strategies and models for delivering a fair and affordable social care system

NCS scope, implementation and timescale | addressing immediate sector and service pressures | next steps following the Cost of Inaction inquiry | a fair and affordable funding model | learning from previous reform strategies | development of a 10-Year Plan for Social Care | the shift toward prevention and community care | health and social care integration | planning for demographic change and supporting an ageing and diverse population | care for working-age adults with disabilities | localised service delivery approaches Senior representative, funding

Senior representative, running Senior representative, communities Speaker with lived experience Senior representative, NHS Senior academic Questions and comments from the floor

- 10.25 Support for local authorities addressing immediate pressures and building long-term capacity Jess McGregor, President, ADASS
- 10.35 <u>Building a National Care Service and immediate priorities for easing pressures on the sector</u> Professor Martin Green, CEO, Care England
- 10.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 <u>Chair's closing remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 <u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 Valuing unpaid carers financial stability, recognition and practical support Emily Holzhausen, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK

11.35 The adult social care workforce - priorities for recruitment, retention, support and future planning

latest thinking on strategies for recruitment and retention | addressing immediate pressures related to low pay and poor working conditions | implications of increased employer NICs | impact of ceasing overseas recruitment on the care workforce | creating opportunities for career progression and recognition | a Fair Pay Agreement and creation of an Adult Social Care Negotiating Body | developing skills needed to deploy technology across care settings Senior representative, private sector Senior representative, trade union Senior representative, local government Senior representative, training Senior representative, technology

- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 The future of adult social care building consensus and delivering long-lasting reform Senior representative, policy Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks Senior Parliamentarian Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum

