



**The Right Honourable Wes  
Streeting MP**  
Secretary of State for Health  
Department of Health and Social  
Care

**The Right Honourable Stephen  
Kinnock MP**  
Minister for Care  
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Dear Secretary of State and Minister for Care,

We are writing to you as a collective of social care professional leaders to offer our expertise and support to your government in the ongoing development of our sector. We believe we have much to offer and are keen to meet with you to support with the many requests for change you will be receiving.

Please see attached one-page brief to describe who we are and how we can support.

Our network email contacts are below, or we can be reached via the office of the Chief Social Worker or the Chief Nurse for Social Care Deborah Sturdy.

Yours Sincerely,

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## Who are we?

We are a collective of social care Professional Leads representing Principal Social Workers (PSW), Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) Principal Occupational Therapists (POT) and Nurses. We each lead active national networks that connect front line practice, system leadership, academia and research, plus national policy and guidance development.

## Why are we of value to Government?

Collectively we have a wealth of expert professional, operational and strategic knowledge to support Government and policy makers to find solutions for priority issues related to **physical and mental health, social care, integration, prevention and wellbeing** of our population. We are directly connected to front line practice in communities, working alongside people in their communities where they live their lives, at the same time as being actively engaged in national strategic work, including responding to national asks from DHSC, ADASS, LGA, Skills for Care, Professional bodies, CQC and NHSE. Working together to drive improvements across whole systems. Our work is impactful and driven by our commitment to addressing health inequalities and supporting people to live their best lives, through our professional values of social justice, independence and respect.

## How can we help?

Together, across our networks we can bring extensive expertise and experience of Social Care delivery to ministers and policy makers to support their strategic objectives and achievement of manifesto commitments. We are experienced in developing policy and legislation such as the MHA reforms and Right Care Right Person. We have co-created national practice guidance and strategies including strengths-based practice, proportionate assessment, Intermediate Care, workforce strategy and guidance for NHS trusts employing social workers. We lead collaboration across health and social care, including the National AHP Health and Care Strategic Advisory Group and contribute to numerous working groups with DHSC, NHSE, the Home Office and others, including attendance at Downing St. We have mapped out our most innovative areas of practice and service development against manifesto commitments and sector priorities and would be delighted to meet with you to discuss how we can help to deliver this together as part of the ambition to develop a National Care Service.

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