

Motion on Adult Social Care

1. Motion: Social Care

**Councillor Nick Clarke, Leader, Cambridgeshire County Council,
supported by Councillor Derek Osbourne, Royal Borough of Kingston
upon Thames**

Proposes that

“The LGA

1. notes that the Prime Minister has acknowledged that social care is “one of the biggest things we’ve got to get right in our public services”.
2. recognises that doing nothing is not an option and resolves to work with both Government and opposition in ensuring there is cross-party support to carry reform through.
3. recognises the announcement of a draft bill in the Queen’s Speech is a move towards addressing the very real crisis we are facing in providing care to our rapidly aging population.
4. believes that it is now time for all parts of Government to come together to ensure reform, with appropriate funding, is carried out as soon as possible.
5. notes that councils across the political spectrum are united in calling on Government to:
 - 5.1. undertake radical reform by adopting a cap on the amount of risk individuals will be exposed to when planning for their care costs;
 - 5.2. introducing integrated health and social care commissioning to ensure a better quality of care;
 - 5.3. address the shortfall in funding.
6. resolves for this issue to be the top priority for the LGA in its lobbying work and for regular reporting back to member authorities on progress.”

LGA Comment

The LGA unequivocally supports this important motion and is fully committed to playing its part on behalf of all councils to secure the reforms to care and support that are so desperately needed.

We want a reformed system to improve the individual's experience of care and support, provide stability and encourage the long-term view, use the totality of local resources and be adequately funded. Funding and reform must go hand in hand if we are to really deliver meaningful change.

The LGA has led the way in taking this crucial debate forward with cross-party consensus and has made it the organisation's number one campaign priority. The campaign has already had a number of wins and will continue to influence and engage all stakeholders over the coming months as we react to the forthcoming white paper, update report on funding and draft bill".