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A 21st century social contract for care

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Messages from our speakers

Tackling the care crisis will mean.....

- New services, new modes of delivery
- Making space for entrepreneurship and creativity
- Building integrated, holistic services
- Bridging the funding gap
- Facing up to demographic and economic realities
- Addressing challenges which are similar in societies around the world



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Strengths on which a new approach can build

- Strong families and caring relationships
- Humane employers and managers – offering examples and leadership
- Trained/committed professionals focused on better outcomes
- Strong and resilient voluntary sector
- Good housing, interior design
- Empowering communications and technology
- Cohesive communities

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Interdependence, social cohesion, sustainability

- **Interdependence**
 - Within families/relationships caring is about reciprocity, mutual commitments. Caring / being cared for (and cared about) define us as human beings
- **Social cohesion**
 - Care integral part of the social fabric; woven into all our lives; the supporting threads which bind our society/communities and strengthen them
- **Sustainability**
 - Unpaid care is pivotal to the health and social care system; pressures on carers will be too great unless we transform local support / services

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A 21st century Social Contract for Care

- Fit for the demographic challenges of the 21st century
 - Longevity, disability, complex relationships
- Built on ethical principles and shared values
 - Inclusion, equality, fairness, dignity and human rights
- Integrated for economic and financial sustainability
 - Equitable tax, benefits and welfare; insurance and planning for risks
- Practical measures at the level of local infrastructure
 - Social care, health services, workplace support, housing, transport, leisure
- Engaging the voices, energy, imagination and commitment of all
 - Carers, older and disabled people, service providers, employers, voluntary and community organisations, families, neighbours, friends, government

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The parties to a 21st century Social Contract for Care

- Families and friends
- Neighbourhoods and communities
- Organisations and businesses
 - Voluntary and charitable
 - Social enterprises
 - Businesses
 - Personal assistants and individual workers
- The local and national state
 - Created through the endeavours, energy and values of our citizens

Contributions to...

Obligations in....

Expectations of a caring 21st century society

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