

People, prevention and protection



Care Services Minister Paul Burstow gives his vision for Adult Social Care and outlines the importance of confidence and training

When I wrote the foreword to last year's edition, I said that this was an exciting time to work in social care. The work that carers and social workers do on a day-to-day basis, delivering high quality care that can transform people's lives for the better is vitally important.

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Vision for Adult Social Care

Last year's Vision for Adult Social Care set out the priorities and principles for developing adult social care:

- Personalised care and support, delivered through partnership, with increasing plurality of provision;
- Prevention, with people who use services empowered to maintain their own independence;
- Productivity through innovation, to deliver higher-quality care and support services;

Supporting the sector

We need the 1.6 million dedicated staff within the social care sector to continue to deliver high quality care in a personalised way. We want staff to remain confident and well trained. Recently, for the first time, we have set out a framework for Personal Assistants in Social Care to support the sector and its development.

Looking ahead

Looking forward, increased personalisation and developing the workforce will be key themes of the White Paper planned for Spring 2012 and we will be engaging further on this with the sector.

Finally, I would like to thank social care workers and social workers for your hard work and dedication. You are the ones providing the care that makes such a difference to people's lives and you should be proud of the job that you do. ■

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- Protection via sensible handling of risk management; and
- People, with a workforce that uses skill, compassion and imagination to provide care and support for those who use services.

