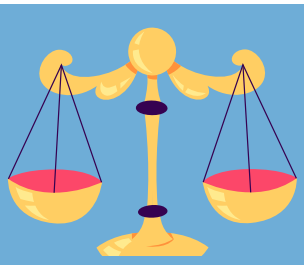
SUSTAINABILITY

Delivering sustainable care fit for the 21st century



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It is well known that adult social care has for many years been afflicted by a multi-billion-pound funding gap. The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated this as an issue.

Over the Covid-19 pandemic the Government has allocated an unprecedented amount of funds, approximately £5bn, to local authorities to aid the pandemic response. Although welcome, as with previous funds, the money represents a short term and inadequate injection to help fund struggling councils, or to temporarily prop up the NHS facing winter pressures. It does not address the deep-rooted problems within the current system. Crucially, these funds, although generous, have not always arrived at the frontline, which only hampered providers efforts to safeguard society's most vulnerable. **Care England agrees with the Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee's call for £7bn annual increase in social care funding as a starting point for reform.**

The sector requires continued and increased investment in frontline social care services by the Government, in addition to the inward investment the sector generates, to ensure a sustainable system fit for the 21st century. This will give taxpayers value for money and empower those in need of care, and their families, to make meaningful choices so they receive the right care. Care England supports corporate financing that upholds quality of care and the long term sustainability of the sector.

> Social care needs a new deal.
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This must be coupled with robust, but non-bureaucratic, mechanisms which ensure that funding reaches the frontline, supporting existing services and placements, with a strong audit trail. Our members see first-hand how the system works and doesn't work, let us be part of the solution.

"The cost of care is spiralling as people are living longer with complex health needs, including dementia. We must, as a society, have open and honest conversations about what is needed from the social care system, with a political consensus on how to fund and support it sustainably over the long term."

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