

The Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Care and Support Alliance (CSA), we would like to warmly congratulate you on your appointment as Prime Minister.

As you begin your premiership, few issues are more urgent than reforming adult social care. Across England, older people, disabled people and unpaid carers are being let down by a system under immense strain. Too many people go without the support they need, unpaid carers are stretched to breaking point, and the consequences are felt across the NHS, local government and the wider economy.

Social care is an issue you have championed throughout your political career. As Health Secretary in 2009, you set out a vision for a National Care Service that recognised the importance of prevention, independence, dignity and sustainable long-term funding. The CSA was established during that same period to help turn that vision into reality.

Seventeen years on, the case for reform is even stronger. Rising demand, increasing complexity of need, workforce pressures and years of underinvestment have left the system struggling to meet people's needs. The question is no longer whether reform is needed, but whether this Parliament will finally deliver it.

We welcome the work of Baroness Casey's Independent Commission and believe it provides an important opportunity to build consensus for lasting reform. However, success will require clear political leadership, ambition and determination. That is why we urge you to make social care an early priority of your premiership.

We urge you to:

- bring forward the Casey Commission timetable and commit to a sustainable national funding settlement for adult social care;
- improve access to care and support by tackling barriers and making better use of existing resources; and

Campaigning for the care we need

- set out a clear timetable for reform, with the building blocks of a National Care Service established during this Parliament.

Seventeen years ago, you started the conversation about a National Care Service. As Prime Minister, you now have the opportunity to finish what you started and deliver the lasting reform that older people, disabled people and unpaid carers have waited far too long to see.

The CSA stands ready to work with you to make that ambition a reality.

Yours sincerely,



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