

The final stage of reform, after 2015, will [would] then be to move to a comprehensive National Care Service for all adults in England with an eligible care need, free when they need it, whoever they are, wherever they live and whatever condition leads to their need for care. During this stage, we will seek to implement the proposals of the Commission on how people should make their contributions to the system to ensure that the National Care Service is sustainable and can provide high quality care for generations to come.

Securing our care and support system over the next five years

DN wording to be agreed by HMT, No.10 and DH special advisors later today.

Conclusion

We want to build a new National Care Service for everyone, one that offers high quality care and support for all. This White Paper explains how we have reached this conclusion and sets out the key principles and practices that we will follow in bringing it to reality. Introducing a National Care Service is the most fundamental and ambitious change to the welfare state since the creation of the National Health Service and it will require all our efforts and our commitment to working in partnership to deliver the range and quality of care and support services that everyone in England has a right to expect.