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“The lifeboat of social care appears to be adopting a class- and wealth-based preference system. It no longer reflects a commitment to the common good, or solidarity between generations and between the rich and the poor. It is not consistent or resilient, or – on its present basis – sustainable.”

A reimagination of Britain as a country in which human beings flourish has to put high-quality social care, public and mental health at the heart of its objectives.”

Justin Welby, Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope



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“Society is richer when there is dignity for all and we treat one another with compassion. We have become more aware of gaps in our society: we have not sufficiently valued and loved many people in care and those living with disability.”

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell



Statement of Commission's purpose

Developing a radical and inspiring vision, drawing on Christian theology and tradition, that reimagines care and support.



Aims of the Commission

- ▶ To generate an inspiring long-term vision for care and support for people in later life and adults with disability or long-term conditions in England, underpinned by a renewed set of values and principles.
- ▶ To offer radical as well as practical recommendations to government and wider society about how to deliver this vision for care.
- ▶ To address wider issues that impact the status and well-being of those with care needs as a result of age, disability or ill health.
- ▶ To propose areas for further action by the Church of England, learning from other denominations and faith communities, on ways to help people with care and support needs, those in later life or with disabilities, live well in the community enjoying full citizenship.

Workstreams

1. The theology and enduring ethical values underpinning our understanding of care and support

2. Systems of care and support: users and carers (paid and unpaid)

3. The role of church, faith groups and communities in care and support

4. The principles for public policy, funding and reform necessary for implementing the vision



Commission Timeline

- ▶ July – September 2021: Laying the foundations
- ▶ **October – December 2021: Shaping the vision**
- ▶ January 2021 – March 2022: Care in action
- ▶ April – June 2022: Making it a reality
- ▶ July- September 2022: Sharing our conclusions
- ▶ October-December 2022: Creating impact



We want to hear from you

- ▶ Listening exercise launched later this month
- ▶ Asking simple questions such as:
 - ▶ What is good about care and support currently?
 - ▶ What is difficult, challenging or missing from care and support currently
 - ▶ What role if any does your community (including the church or any faith community of which you are a member) play in care and support?
 - ▶ If your wish were granted or prayers answered what would care and support look like in future?
- ▶ Please get in touch reimaginingcare@lambethpalace.org.uk