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NCF responds to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's announcement on principles of social care reform.

On the 20th March 2018, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care provided insight into the principles he will use to guide the much anticipated reform of social care.

In response to these announcements, Vic Rayner, Executive Director of the National Care Forum states:-

“NCF welcomes the ambition and intent contained in yesterday’s speech by Jeremy Hunt. It is crucially important that he has recognised that doing nothing is not an option. The Care Act 2014 provides the legislative platform to deliver the seven principles outlined, but at present, the question remains when.

We were pleased to hear the recognition of the core contribution of the social care workforce, and look forward to contributing to thinking on a joint workforce strategy. It is imperative any future strategy must demonstrate sustained understanding of the complexity of care and the high levels of skills and experience demonstrated every day by staff working in social care.

Vic goes on to say:-

Of course, it is vital that future funding solutions are found. The principles outlined by which this should be judged are sound, however, over a sustained period, the sector has heard and engaged with multiple attempts to bring this to bear fruit. It is imperative for everyone using services today, and who will need them in the future that these fine principles gain traction – fast.

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We keep members up to date with news and developments in the care sector and provide opportunities to meet and share ideas and best practice through our regular forum meetings, annual conferences and events, membership benchmarking surveys and reports and a weekly e-briefing.