

# Turning the Dial on Social Care

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The Social Care Collaborative Forum

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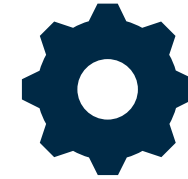


# Social Care Collaborative Forum (SCCF)

- Strategic Collaborative Leadership Partnership established by the Department of Health (DoH).
- Chaired by Peter Toogood, Deputy Secretary for Social Care and Public Health Policy, DoH.
- Co-chaired by Patricia Higgins, CEO, Social Care Council.
- Established April 2023.
- Key priorities for action identified.

# SCCF - Purpose

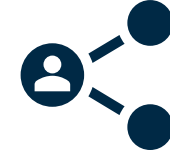
The purpose of the Collaborative Forum is to provide a formal mechanism for the DoH and representatives of the Social Care Sector to work together as partners to build shared values and deliver improvements that will support and sustain social care now and into the future.



The Collaborative Forum is based on the premise that social care is diverse and cross-cutting, while important to health, it increasingly should also involve engagement with other sectors such as housing and employment and the respective Government Departments.



# SCCF – Shared values and principles



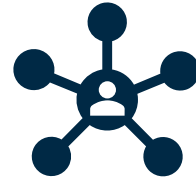
- Citizen at the heart.
- Families, service users, and carers as equal partners.
- Promoting the value of social care.
- Recognising and appreciating the workforce.
- A compelling case for investment.
- Creating a shared culture that supports as well as holding to account.
- Being open, honest and transparent.
- Respecting confidentiality.

# SCCF – Membership



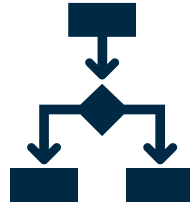
- HSC Trusts.
- Independent Health Care Providers organisation.
- ARC.
- Service User representative.
- Carers representative.
- Trade Unions.
- DoH.
- NISCC.
- RQIA.
- PHA.
- SPPG.
- NICON.

# SCCF – Eight workstreams



- Maximising Capacity – homecare and care homes.
- Workforce Development.
- Enhancing Care in Care Homes.
- Data and Intelligence.
- Communications – promoting social care.
- Contracting and Commissioning.
- Unpaid Carers.
- Supported Living.

# SCCF – Outcomes



## Communications:

- ‘Making a Difference’ promotional campaigns about social care – promoting the value of social care.

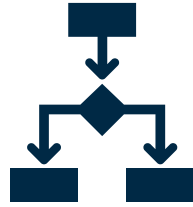
## Maximising capacity:

- Homecare – early review teams pilot.
- Care Homes – developing systems to monitor care home bed capacity.

## Contracting and commissioning:

- Workshop held with care home providers to identify improvements in care home contracts with a view to reviewing the contract.

# Early outcomes



## Workforce Development:

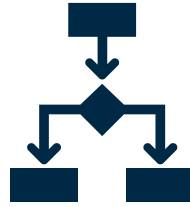
- 'Workforce development strategy under development.
- Career pathways developed.
- Pilot of entry level 'Safe and Effective Care Practice' certificate.

## Enhancing care in care homes:

- An assessment of the work undertaken to implement the recommendations arising out of the COPNI Home Truths report has been completed.



# Early outcomes



## Unpaid carers:

- A cross-Departmental Senior Officials' group has been established to foster a cross-government approach to support unpaid carers.
- Options paper and external evidence review completed to inform next steps in the development of an unpaid carers Register.

## Workforce – Fair work:

- A separate Fair Work Forum re-established.

# Delivery Plan 2024-2025



The SCCF have agreed the Delivery Plan for 2024-25, based on the following principles:

- Implementing evidence-based improvements.
- Implementing improvements which do not require additional funding.
- Monitoring outcomes and impact of improvements.

# Delivery Plan 2024-2025



The focus of Delivery Plan will be:



Building a sustainable workforce.



Improving commissioning arrangements.



Developing improved partnership working.

# Working together. Making a difference.



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