

The view from social care

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Social care is busy

- 5m informal carers in the UK
- 1.75m adults used social care services arranged by local councils in 06/07.
- Of £14.2 billion spent by councils on adult care 61% was on services for older people.



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- 18,577 Adult care home places (average size 23 places).
- 4,735 registered home care agencies, supporting over 1m adults in their own homes .



Emphasis remains on

- Personalisation
- Support to live at home
- Safeguarding
- Eligibility
- Outcomes



Social care planning for pandemic

- The challenge of keeping it on the agenda
- Deferring to EPO's
- The added burden of even higher staff absence levels in health and social care.
- Ensuring adequate preparation of staff
- Having robust tested business continuity plans in place
- Preventing social care service closures

Social care in a pandemic

- Not becoming a burden by
 - Having realistic and robust plans
- Supporting the health response by
 - Maintaining and targeting essential services
 - Preventing inappropriate hospital admission
 - Facilitating early discharge
- Supporting the community



The view to avoid!



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