

Caring for tomorrow

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8 minutes on social care



A child born today in UK stands a 1/3 chance of living to 100



Circles of care

- you/me
- family/friends
- community
- market
- state local & national

The average person has a 50:50 chance of caring by age of 50. On average, women can expect to take on caring responsibilities over a decade earlier than men. (Carers UK)

What research brings to the table

Why we are in the state we're in (and what it looks like, feels like, is located, and involves)

Policy and personal options and trade offs

Futurescopes

From data desert to data lite to data growth

Developing National Data Set of care home residents (DACHA)	In England – limited specific knowledge of care workforce (ASCWD)	Hard to link data: eg Dept of Work & Pensions (Benefits), DHSC, HMRC, Dept for Education, and NHS
More techy – some national statistics are hard to use for social care	Market shape related – large numbers of Small Medium Enterprise (SME) employers (20k) and turnover/reprovision	Total direct, indirect and induced value of UK adult social care sector est. = 2.6m jobs (1.8m FTEs) and £46.2bn in 2016 (Skills for Care 2017).



Four themes

- Market appetite, management, and regulation
- Integration specifics tasks, skills and specialisms
- Labour force domestic (competitors) /migration
- Professionalism

Policy options – fairness and fear

The policy /politics are personal – how are costs, care and profits distributed?

The politics (& decisions) are multi-level, system silo'd + nationally diverging

Sector is framed (by some) as in 'long-term' crisis and negatively, & Covid hurt

Unclear how demand can be managed or minimised and at what cost? (Holy Grail of prevention)

Discussion points

Who will care for you in later life?

If you needed care tomorrow – who will help?

9 minutes older

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