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Dear Colleague

The National Assembly for Wales' Health and Social Care Committee is undertaking an inquiry into **residential care for older people**. The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

To examine the provision of residential care in Wales and the ways in which it can meet the current and future needs of older people, including:

- the process by which older people enter residential care and the availability and accessibility of alternative community-based services, including reablement services and domiciliary care.
- the capacity of the residential care sector to meet the demand for services from older people in terms of staffing resources, including the skills mix of staff and their access to training, and the number of places and facilities, and resource levels.
- the quality of residential care services and the experiences of service users and their families; the effectiveness of services at meeting the diversity of need amongst older people; and the management of care home closures.
- the effectiveness of the regulation and inspection arrangements for residential care, including the scope for increased scrutiny of service providers' financial viability.
- new and emerging models of care provision.
- the balance of public and independent sector provision, and alternative funding, management, and ownership models, such as those offered by the cooperative, mutual sector and third sector, and Registered Social Landlords.

Please note that the Committee has agreed to focus the inquiry on **residential care**, although nursing care will inevitably be touched upon

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during discussions. The Committee has also decided to focus its attention on the provision of services for **older people** for the purpose of this inquiry.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

We will be holding oral evidence sessions in the spring term 2012 so it would be helpful if you could indicate in your submission whether you would be prepared to give oral evidence, if invited.

Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format. Submissions can be provided in either English or Welsh, although we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their policies.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to **HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk**.

Alternatively, you can write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 16 December 2011**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

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Yours faithfully

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Official Agencies

Care Council for Wales
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NHS Wales Informatics Service
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
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Older People's Commissioner for Wales
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Professional Bodies

Association of Directors of Social Services
British Association of Social Workers Cymru
British Medical Association
Chartered Society of Physiotherapists
College of Occupational Therapists
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Nursing
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Voluntary Sector

WCVA
Action on Hearing Loss Cymru
Age Cymru
Age Cymru – My Home Life Project
Age Alliance Wales
All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
Alzheimer's Society
Anheddau Cyf
Carers Wales
Care and Repair Cymru
Centre for Independent Living
Citizens Advice Cymru
Crossroads Caring for Carers
Cymorth Cymru
Dementia UK
Dignified Revolution
Disability Wales
Hafal
Macmillan Cancer Support
National OAP Association of Wales
National Pensioners' Convention
Older People's Advocacy Alliance
Parkinson's UK Cymru
Pensioners Forum Wales

Royal British Legion
Social Care Institute for Excellence
Stonewall Cymru
The Princess Royal Trust for Carers
The Disability Can Do Organisation
Wales Carers Alliance
Wales Senate of Older People
Wales Carers Workers Network
Welsh Reablement Alliance
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Housing providers, Independent sector and representative bodies

Association of Retirement Housing Managers
Care Forum Wales
Centre for Housing and Support
Domiciliary Care Association Wales
EroSH (Essential Role of Sheltered Housing)
National Care Association
North Wales Care Association
Registered Nursing Home Association
Social Care Association
UK Home Care Association
Melin Homes
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Health Communication Research Centre
Older People & Ageing Research and Development Network (OPAN Cymru)

Regional Social Care Partnerships

South East Wales
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Trade Unions

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Other

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National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR)

Welsh Government's Statutory Health Advisory Committees

Older People Strategy Co-ordinators

National Service Framework for Older People Co-ordinators

Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy Co-ordinators

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