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CCC Welcomes Wanless Social Care Review

CCC warmly welcomes today's announcement that Sir Derek Wanless is to conduct an inquiry into the long-term demand for and supply of social care for older people in England.

Dr Clive Bowman, CCC's chairman, said.

"We commend the King's Fund for commissioning the inquiry, which is timely, and we are delighted that Sir Derek Wanless will be able to bring his breadth of experience to the conduct of the inquiry, which is itself broad in its scope and vision."

"CCC has long argued for a sustainable, long-term financial settlement for social care. It is right that the issue should be re-examined now from a number of perspectives, including changing needs and changing opportunities and options in care provision, as well as resourcing in its widest sense."

Responding in 2002 to the interim report of the original Wanless Inquiry into long-term health needs, announced by the Chancellor in 2001, CCC strongly urged the consultation exercise to take full account of the wider costs of care, including non-health costs.

CCC and its members will be pleased to contribute to the new inquiry and look forward very much to its outcome.

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Notes for Editors:

1. Contacts for further information:

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2. As announced by the King's Fund today, the terms of reference for the Wanless Social Care Review are:
- to examine the demographic, economic, social, health, and other relevant trends over the next 20 years that are likely to affect the demand for and nature of social care for older people (aged 65 and over) in England
 - in the light of this, to identify the financial and other resources required to ensure that older people who need social care are able to secure comprehensive, high quality care that reflects the preferences of individuals receiving care
 - to consider how such social care might be funded, bearing in mind the King's Fund's commitment to social justice
 - to report by Spring 2006.
3. On 3 November, CCC launched, [The Best Care Possible?](#), CCC's long-term care policy healthcheck, which identifies a wide range of issues and outlines measures needed to enable people to get the best care possible to meet their needs.
4. CCC is a broad-based, independent coalition of commercial, charitable and public service organisations with a shared interest in providing better long-term care for older people. CCC has been acting as an advocate for managed change since it was established in 1992 as the Continuing Care Conference with the objectives of:
- increasing awareness and developing understanding of long-term care of older people as a political issue
 - raising the standards of care available to older people
 - developing the standards of financial products used to fund long-term care
5. CCC believes that all older people in Britain should live their lives in dignity, comfort and in a place of their choosing. We want all elements of society to make the necessary individual and social investment to ensure that happens. Our task is to ensure that policy-makers pursue this goal and to encourage the public to join with us in our mission to persuade them to do so.
6. CCC's Chairman is Dr Clive Bowman FRCP, Medical Director, BUPA Care Services. More information about CCC, including its members and Steering Group, are available at www.ccc-ltc.org.uk.