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NHS Continuing Care

CCC welcomes today's Department of Health (DH) consultation on proposals for a national framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care in England, and will be responding to the detailed proposals.

Responding to today's announcement, Dr Clive Bowman, CCC's chairman, said:

"CCC has long called for an end to the present system which is unfair, unclear, inconsistent and hugely complex.

CCC members welcome today's commitment "to establish a simpler, fairer and more coherent system of assessment to determine eligibility for full NHS funding of long-term care which can be applied consistently across England". It is critical that the commitment is well served by the details of the proposals being consulted on. CCC has consistently argued for a single assessment tool.

In particular, CCC welcomes the recognition that review is a key element of the assessment framework."

Dr Bowman added:

"We urge all parties affected by care assessments to respond to the consultation, which ends on 22 September."

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Notes for Editors:

1. Contacts for further information:

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2. [*The Best Care Possible?*](#), CCC's long-term care policy healthcheck, identifies a wide range of issues and outlines measures needed to enable people to get the best care possible to meet their needs.
3. The DH consultation was announced by Ivan Lewis MP, Care Services Minister, today, 19 June 2006. The press release can be found at <http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=208552&NewsAreaID=2>.
The consultation paper can be found at http://www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/LiveConsultations/LiveConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4136175&chk=fOAFtD (click on 'refresh').
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. CCC's Steering Group members are listed at www.ccc-ltc.org.uk/about/

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