

STANDING COMMISSION ON CARERS

2009 – 2014

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To identify the strategic challenges and opportunities associated with the caring role paying particular regard to:

- Demographic changes
- Developments in public policy
- Changing relationships in families
- Equality and diversity
- Improvements in technology

2. To provide advice to Ministers and the Carers Strategy Cross-Government Board on:

- Progress in delivering the strategic vision set out in the national Carers Strategy *Recognised, valued and supported: Next steps for the Carers Strategy*
- How best to respond to the strategic challenges and opportunities associated with caring
- Specific topics identified by Ministers.

3. In drawing up its advice, to act as an advocate for carers while paying due regard to existing and likely future fiscal and spending limits.

4. To provide advice at regular intervals so that it can be considered by Ministers and the Cross Government Board in a timely way.

5. To publish periodic reports setting out the evidence considered by the Commission and its advice to Ministers, key stakeholders and delivery partners responsible for delivering the Carers Strategy.