



Department
of Health &
Social Care

The Social Care Sector COVID-19 Support Taskforce: terms of reference

The Social Care Sector COVID-19 Support Taskforce will ensure the delivery of two packages of support that the Government has put in place for the care sector, the Social Care Action Plan and the Care Home Support Package.

This will ensure that concerted and determined action is taken to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the sector, both for those who rely on care and support and the social care workforce. It will support the national campaign to end transmission in the community.

This taskforce will also consider the impact of COVID-19 on the care sector over the next year and advise on a plan to support it through this period. It will seek to enable people to live as safely as possible whilst maintaining contacts and activity that enhance the health and wellbeing of service users and their family carers.

Proposed membership

- David Pearson (Chair)
- Chris Wormald (DHSC)
- Jeremy Pocklington (MHCLG)
- Jenny Harries (DCMO)
- Dr Nikita Kanani (Deputy CMO, NHS England/Improvement)
- Kate Terroni (CQC)
- Duncan Selbie (PHE)

- Simon Ridley (CO)
- Sarah Pickup (Deputy Chief Executive, LGA)
- Representation from the Care Providers Alliance
- James Bullion (President, ADASS)
- Christine McAnea (Unison)
- Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy (President Of the Association of Directors of Public Health, ADPH)
- Imelda Redmond (National Director, Healthwatch England)
- Representative with lived experience of care services
- Carers UK

Invitees (executives)

- Rosamond Roughton (DHSC)
- Catherine Frances (MHCLG)
- Ian Dodge (NHS England)
- Éamonn O'Moore (PHE)

Management Information

Roles and responsibilities

David Pearson leads the programme, reporting into the Minister of State for Care

DHSC is the lead department with responsibility for policy on adult social care. MHCLG is the lead department with responsibility for local government finance and accountability

Accounting officer arrangements, nationally and locally, remain unchanged

The Social Care COVID-19 Executive team includes the SROs responsible for delivery of their programmes:

- Rosamond Roughton, DHSC
- Catherine Frances, MHCLG
- Ian Dodge, NHSE
- Éamonn O'Moore, PHE