

## National level groups working on various aspects of social care

**ADASS** – Association of Directors of Adult Social Services produces regular reports and press statements on their concerns around adult social care: [www.adass.org.uk](http://www.adass.org.uk)

**Advice UK** – advises independent advice centres - [www.adviceuk.org.uk](http://www.adviceuk.org.uk)

**Age UK** – a successor group to Age Concern and Help the Aged; see social care reports in May 2018 (Fixing a Broken Care System) and Care in Crisis (January 2019) and others [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk). See also Age UK Ealing in local section.

**Alzheimers Society** : [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

**British Association of Social Workers**: [www.basw.co.uk](http://www.basw.co.uk) - independent professional membership association of social work.

**Care England** – charity acting as the representative body for a range of small, medium and large care-home chains - [www.careengland.org.uk](http://www.careengland.org.uk)

**Care and Support Alliance**- [www.careandsupportalliance.com](http://www.careandsupportalliance.com) set up in July 2009 and represents over 75 of Britain's leading charities campaigning for a properly funded care system alongside the millions of older people, disabled people, and their carers.

**Care Quality Commission** ([www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)) statutory body which inspects and regulates health and care services; its remit covers hospitals, clinics, GP surgeries as well as nursing and residential care, some day care and domiciliary care agencies; it employs inspectors who carry out inspections and checks on these services and it publishes regular reports of its inspections with ratings akin to the work of Ofsted for schools.

**Care Workers Charity** [www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk](http://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk) was founded in 2009 with the objective of supporting current and former care workers with one-off crisis grants.

**Carers UK** – support organisation for carers – [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org); 0207 378 4999.

**Centre for Public Health Excellence** [www.ukcrc.org](http://www.ukcrc.org) brings together NHS, research bodies, to do clinical research.

**Community Integrated Care** [www.c-i-c.co.uk](http://www.c-i-c.co.uk) - founded in 1988 as one of the pioneers of the 'Care in the Community Agenda', to support people leaving long-stay, institutionalised hospitals to lead fuller, better lives in the community.

**Inclusion London** – based in London but campaigns nationally *"promoting equality for deaf and disabled people's organisations"* – [www.inclusionlondon.org.uk](http://www.inclusionlondon.org.uk)

**Independent Age** ([www.independentage.org](http://www.independentage.org)) Helpline 0800 319 6879. Their website explains *"whatever happens as we get older, we all want to remain independent and live life on our own terms. That's why, as well as offering regular friendly contact and a strong campaigning advice, Independent Age provides people with clear, free and impartial advice on care and support, money and benefits, health and mobility."*

**Independent Care Group:** non-profit organisation working for benefit of the independent and voluntary care industry (mainly in Yorkshire?) [www.independentcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.independentcaregroup.co.uk)

**Independent Living Movement:** for history and discussion of independent living, see [www.independentliving.org](http://www.independentliving.org)

**International Long Term Care Policy Network** – based at the London School of Economics – *“The ILPN is a network of researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders with the aim to promote the global exchange of evidence and knowledge on long term care policy”*  
[www.ilpnetwork.org](http://www.ilpnetwork.org)

**Keep Our NHS Public (KONP)** – [www.keepournhspublic.com](http://www.keepournhspublic.com) *“a non-party-political organisation campaigning against the privatisation and underfunding of the NHS. We support campaigns to reverse the privatisation and commercialisation of social care and to call for health and social care services to be publicly funded, publicly provided and accountable provision”.*

**Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman:** deals with individual complaints about care provided by the Council or care arranged directly with a care provider. See [www.lgo.org.uk](http://www.lgo.org.uk). Normally one should complain to the Council or care provider before using this route; the Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman does NOT deal with social care.

**MHA** – largest charity care provider in UK [www.mha.org.uk](http://www.mha.org.uk) (founded in 1943 as Methodist Homes).

**MENCAP (Royal Mencap Society)** UK charity working with people with a learning difficulty: [www.mencap.org.uk](http://www.mencap.org.uk) For Ealing branch, see local section.

**MIND** (see local group in Ealing section): [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) offers information/advice to people with mental health problems & lobbies government/local authorities on their behalf.

**The National Care Association** - [www.nationalcareassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalcareassociation.org.uk) – *“the voice of the independent care sector”*.

**National Care Forum** represents 110 not-for-profit member organisations working in the care sector ([www.nationalcareforum.org.uk](http://www.nationalcareforum.org.uk)).

**National Care Support and Independent Living Service (NaCSILS)** – a campaign aimed at creating a complementary service to the NHS, nationally mandated but locally delivered. See [www.nacsils.co.uk](http://www.nacsils.co.uk) or email [nacsilservice@gmail.com](mailto:nacsilservice@gmail.com)

**National Pensioners Convention** [www.npcuk.org](http://www.npcuk.org) issues frequent reports on social care for older people – see, for example, December 2020 report: *“Goodbye Cinderella – a new settlement for care services: moving forward from the pandemic”*.

**Reclaiming Our Futures Alliance** [www.rofa.org.uk](http://www.rofa.org.uk) - an alliance of disabled people and their organisations (DPOs) in England who defend disabled people’s rights and campaign for an inclusive society.

**Relatives and Residents Association** ([www.relres.org](http://www.relres.org)) the national charity for older people needing care and the relatives and friends who help them.

**Research bodies:** the following groups produce regular important reports and studies on social care issues - eg

The Health Foundation: [www.health.org.uk](http://www.health.org.uk)

The Kings Fund: [www.kingsfund.org.uk](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk)

The Nuffield Trust – see, for example, <https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/chart/social-care-funding-options>

**Skills for Care** [www.skillsforcare.org.uk](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk) – Skills for Care is the strategic body for workforce development in adult social care in England; an independent registered charity it works with 21,500 adult social care employers in England to set the standards and qualifications for social care workers.

[socialcarefuture@gmail.com](mailto:socialcarefuture@gmail.com) and [www.socialcarefuture.org](http://www.socialcarefuture.org) - developing a positive narrative around social care see #socialcarefuture

**Socialist Health Association (SHA)** [www.sochealth.org.uk](http://www.sochealth.org.uk) is a campaigning membership organisation promoting health and well-being and the eradication of inequalities.

**Social Work Action Network (SWAN)** [www.socialworkfuture.org](http://www.socialworkfuture.org) “SWAN is a radical, campaigning organisation of social work and social care practitioners, students, service users, carers and academics”.

**Trade Unions:** Several trade unions organise social care workers inc. **GMB Union:** [www.gmb.org.uk](http://www.gmb.org.uk); **UNISON** [www.unison.org.uk](http://www.unison.org.uk) (see also their Ethical Care Charter); **UNITE** [www.unitetheunion.org](http://www.unitetheunion.org); and **CASWO** ([www.caswo.org](http://www.caswo.org)) – Care and Support Workers Organise! See UNISON’s Ethical Care Charter also.

**Women’s Budget Group** – works on social care from gender perspective - [www.wbg.org.uk](http://www.wbg.org.uk)