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**Care Bill Conference**  
**6 March 2014**

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This highly topical conference is essential for anyone working and advising in the area of care and support. Our experts will take you through the changes to the legislative framework relating to adult social care including the new duties imposed on local authorities and how this will impact on clients in practice. It covers all you need to know to ensure you are well informed of the significant policy reforms taking place.

### Chair

Lorna Easterbrook has been an independent consultant for the past 8 years, specialising in health, housing and social care for older people. Publications include, *Your Rights to Healthcare* (Age Concern Books 2007), *Living on the Edge: Enabling Older Owner Occupiers with Moderate Learning Disabilities to Live Independently* (Care & Repair England 2008), *The Relative Importance Attached to Cost-Effectiveness, Equity and Access in the Provision of Health Services: Research Summary* (NHS Service Delivery and Organisation 2007) and *Delivering Housing for an Ageing Population* (Housing and Older People Development Group 2005). Lorna is Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Research on Ageing, University of Southampton; Associate of Community Catalysts and of the National Development Team for inclusion and a trustee of Care & Repair England and the Beth Johnson Foundation.

### Speakers

Alex Fox is CEO of Shared Lives Plus, the UK network for small community services. Alex chairs the Care Provider Alliance and is Co-chair of the board of Think Local, Act Personal. He co-led on prevention for the social care White Paper engagement process and sits on the Minister's Social Care Transformation Group and the Care and Support Implementation Board. He was one of NESTA and The Observer's 'Britain's New Radicals'. He is a visiting lecturer at Nottingham University, Research Associate at ResPublica and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), for which he wrote *Personalisation: Lessons from Social Care*.

Des Kelly has been Executive Director of the National Care Forum since 2003. He represents NCF with the main sector bodies and was previously Partnerships Director with BUPA Care Homes. Des was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2007 for services to social care. He held the honorary position of President of the Social Care Association 2007-08 and was the founder Chair of the Care Provider Alliance. He is currently Chair of the charity, Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA), National Adviser for the Centre for Workforce Intelligence and chairs the Advisory Group of the 'My Home Life' culture change programme. Des is a director of both the National Skills Academy for Social Care and the charity the Residential Forum.

Deborah Klee is the Independent Chair of two Safeguarding Adult Boards, Sutton and Barking and Dagenham and Chair of the London SAB Chairs group. She has a varied portfolio of work including a health and social care management consultant, editor of *Working with Older People* and Co-director of Vintage Communities CiC. As an independent consultant, Deborah project managed the LGA, ADASS and SCIE initiative, Making Safeguarding Personal and wrote the resulting report, *Making Safeguarding Personal* (LGA March 2013). Deborah has held senior roles at the Audit Commission and Healthcare Commission.

Chris Webb-Jenkins, Browne Jacobson, is head of the social care practice and specialises in acting for social care, health and education providers in the public, private voluntary sectors and their insurers. As well as defending claims against providers and conducting care proceedings, he advises on all aspects of social care law relating to children and adults, in particular mental capacity and DoLS, child and vulnerable adult protection, vetting and barring, human rights, information management and confidentiality, and complaints procedures (including representation at complaints panel hearings).

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# 9.00

## **9.30 Chair's Welcome and Introduction**

*Lorna Easterbrook, Independent Consultant*

## **9.45 Overview – Access to State Funded Social Care**

Implementation timetable | Assessment for adults and for carers | National minimum threshold for eligible needs | The decision-making process and personal budgets | Requirements on local authorities to provide information.

*Lorna Easterbrook, Independent Consultant*

## **10.30 Focusing on the Person**

How will the general duty to 'promote well-being' affect clients? | The role of delaying or reducing the need for care and support | Emphasising outcomes rather than services: what might clients be offered? | What are the ways in which care and support can be arranged? | Extending direct payments to residential care.

*Alex Fox, Shared Lives Plus*

## **11.30 Refreshments**

## **11.45 The Means Test, the Care Cap and Eligible Needs – How Will This Work?**

The impact of new capital limits – who pays what? | How eligible needs will be calculated | Independent personal budgets and care accounts | Separating the costs of care and support from 'daily living costs' | The care cap – differences by age | Applying the means test to the care cap.

*Lorna Easterbrook, Independent Consultant*

## **12.45 Questions**

## **1.00 Lunch**

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## **2.00 Paying for Care from April 2015 – Deferred Payments**

What are the arrangements from April 2015 for deferred payments? | Who is eligible? Who will this benefit? | Arrangements fees and interest – what can local authorities charge? | Repaying the deferred payment – how will this work?

*Chris Webb-Jenkins, Browne Jacobson*

## **3.00 Refreshments**

## **3.15 Care Markets and Care Providers – What Will the Act do?**

How will local authorities shape the market? | Managing financial failure – what will local authorities' new duties mean for clients? | Information about services from local authorities | Ratings for care homes: what will this mean for providers, residents and families?

*Des Kelly, National Care Forum*

## **4.00 Safeguarding Adults**

How will the new statutory duties work? | Safeguarding Adults Boards – who sits on these? | Defining abuse and neglect | Acting on and sharing information.

*Deborah Klee, Sutton SAB and Barking and Dagenham SAB and London SAB Chairs Network*

## **4.45 Chair's Concluding Remarks and Questions**

# 5.00

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