



## Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol Health and Social Care Committee

30 September 2011

Dear Colleague,

The National Assembly for Wales's Health and Social Care Committee has agreed to undertake an inquiry into residential care for older people. The Committee considered draft terms of reference for this inquiry at its meeting on Wednesday 28 September 2011.

The Committee is eager to hear your views on the inquiry's terms of reference (attached as Annex A to this letter). Please note that **this is an opportunity to comment on the draft terms of reference only**, not to submit your written evidence. A further call for more detailed written evidence will be issued later this term, once the terms of reference have been agreed. Please also note that the Committee has already agreed to focus the inquiry on residential care for **older people** and does not wish to extend it beyond this scope.

### Invitation to comment on the terms of reference

A period of two weeks is available for you to submit your comments on the terms of reference. Comments should arrive by **Friday 14 October**. The Committee will consider all responses received in advance of agreeing the final terms of reference. It may not be possible to take into account suggestions received after this date.

If you wish to submit comments on the terms of reference, please email [HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk) or write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA. The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh.

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Please contact the Clerk of the Committee on the details below should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,



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## ANNEX A

### Suggested terms of reference

To examine the provision of residential care in Wales and the ways in which it can meet the current and future needs of older people, including:

- the process by which older people enter residential care and the availability and accessibility of alternative services
- the capacity of the residential care sector to meet the demand for services from older people in terms of staffing resources and the number of places and facilities.
- the quality of residential care services and the experiences of service users and their families; the effectiveness of services at meeting the diversity of need amongst older people; and the management of care home closures.
- the effectiveness of the regulation and inspection arrangements for residential care, including the scope for increased scrutiny of service providers' financial viability.
- new and emerging models of care provision
- the balance of public and independent sector provision, and alternative funding and ownership models, such as those offered by the cooperative and mutual sector

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