

## **Dementia Select Committee**

### **A vision for adult social care: Capable communities and active citizens**

Published by the Department of Health on 16 November 2011, [‘A vision for adult social care: Capable communities and active citizens’](#) sets out the Coalition Government’s plans for the reform of social care.

It promotes the ‘big society’ and a much greater role for communities in supporting people who require care. It includes plans for one million people to have personal budgets by 2013, including carers, who are acknowledged as ‘the first line of prevention’, and this is supported by £400 million over the next four years for carers’ breaks.

The seven core principles of the vision are:

**Personalisation** - All eligible people should have personal budgets, preferably as direct payments and information about care and support is available to people who self-fund as well as those who are eligible for care.

**Partnership** - Care and support should be delivered in partnerships between individuals, communities, voluntary and private sectors, NHS and councils.

**Plurality** - There is diverse service provision to meet the variety of people’s needs.

**Protection** - There are sensible safeguards against the risk of abuse or neglect but people’s freedoms should not be limited.

**Productivity** - Local accountability will drive improvements and innovation leading to greater productivity and high quality care and support. There will be greater transparency and accountability; information on agreed quality outcomes will be published.

**People** - Everyone providing care and support; care workers, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and social workers, as well as carers and people who use services will be involved in making the ‘vision’ happen.

Further reports on the reform of social care in England are expected later on this year and the new social care reform bill is expected early next year.