

# **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

## **Hearing 15**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Witness Guide for Members**

*Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.*

### **Themes and Questions**

**Nicky Saynor, Health & Wellbeing Manager, and Terry Blair-Stevens, Public Health Consultant, Public Health England South East (PHESE)**

- Please introduce yourselves and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- What are the main causes leading to loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over?
- In your experience, what are the consequences of loneliness and social isolation on these people?
- What initiatives and strategies are working particularly well to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation on older people?
- In your view, to what extent is partnership working key to preventing or reducing loneliness and social isolation amongst older people?
- What are the challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more should be done to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?