

NORTHERN COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP - COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

THEME GROUP: Health & Social Care (Concern: Support for Vulnerable People)	
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<p>1. What Needs To Change? <i>Describe the problem and what needs to be done to improve the situation.</i></p> <p>A 2 tier system of care for the elderly exists in the United Kingdom. In Scotland personal and nursing care for the elderly is provided free whilst in the rest of the United Kingdom personal care continues to be means tested. Scotland has accepted the recommendations of the Royal Commissions in that the costs of personal care and nursing care are met out of general taxation. The rest of the UK wants parity with Scotland. In addition, funding is required to care for people with long term illness and for those that have disabilities that need specialist equipment to improve their quality of life under the heading of 'best practice health care'.</p>	
<p>2. What Tasks Need To Be Done? <i>List, step by step, the activities that need to be done, in order to improve the situation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the local Patient & Public Involvement Forums • Write to the Primary Care Trusts in the NCAP Area • Seek the support of Age Concern • Seek the support of other area partnerships 	
<p>3. Who Will Do Them? <i>State who will do what (or have responsibility for getting a task done) and when by e.g. end May or by 15 July 2006.</i></p> <p>Members of the NCAP team that want to be involved in this campaign.</p>	<p>When By?</p>
<p>4. What Else Do We Need? <i>Does a meeting need to be organised, or a questionnaire or some letters written, some photocopying perhaps – itemise and cost.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting needs to be arranged for public consultation to hear the issues and experiences of those faced with financing care, long term illness and for those with disabilities • Write to: The Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health outlining this unfairness • Gain the support of MPs of all parties • Raise the issue with European Court of Human Rights 	<p>Costs?</p> <p>Maximum £50</p>
<p>5. Who Else Needs To Be Involved? <i>Indicate who else needs to be involved – a local councillor, the police etc.</i></p> <p>Involve County District, Town and Parish Councillors within the NCAP Area & other Community Areas</p>	<p>In What Way? <i>What do we want these 'stakeholders' to do?</i></p> <p>We want these individuals to support the cause by writing letters of support for the campaign and to broaden the audience</p>
<p>6. How Will We Know If Things Are Better? <i>How will we know things have improved? What are our indicators?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When care for the elderly is funded • Change in Government Policy 	

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