

# Care where we live: what needs to change in local government for adult social care reform?

Wednesday 11 March 2026, Newcastle

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# Care Where We Live Engagement



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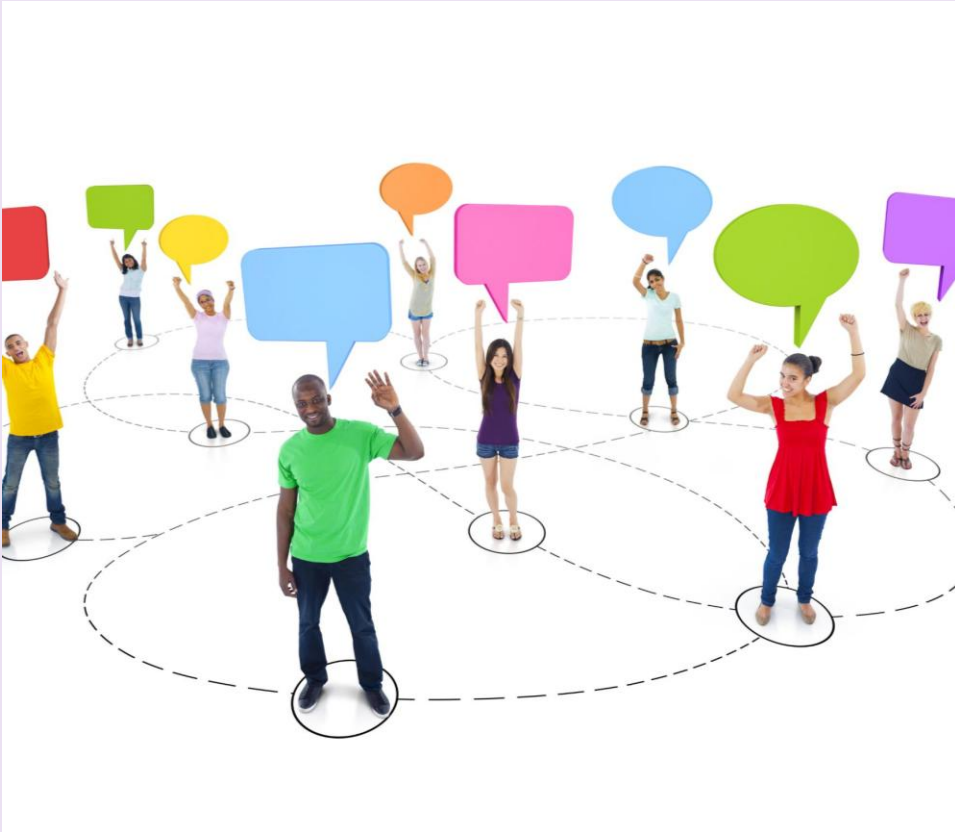
# Programme

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10.00	<b>Registration, refreshments and networking</b>
10.30	<b>Introduction and welcome</b> LGA Health and Wellbeing Committee Lead Member
10.40	<b>Overview of 'Care where live' engagement and Safe Spaces platform</b> <b>James Bullion</b> , Assistant Director, Local Government Association
10.55	<b>Setting the scene: what does good adult social care look and feel like and what needs to change?</b> Local DASS and person with lived experience
11.15	<b>Discussion 1: what does 'good' look like and what will help or hinder reform?</b>
12.00	Lunch
1.00	<b>Discussion 2: what should be the role of local government in adult social care in the future and how should adult social care be funded?</b>
1.45	<b>Emerging themes and issues we want to prioritise</b> <b>James Bullion</b> , Assistant Director, Local Government Association
2.15	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> LGA Health and Wellbeing Committee Lead Member
2.30	Close

# OVERVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT LAUNCH AND CONTEXT



## Engagement Initiative Launch

The engagement campaign launched on 9 February and runs through 27 March, inviting broad public and stakeholder input.

## Focus on Adult Social Care Reform

The initiative centers on adult social care reform amid long-term pressures and structural policy challenges.

## Inclusivity and Broad Participation

The programme ensures inclusivity by engaging individuals with lived experience, professionals, and community groups.

## Transparency and Insight Gathering

The Casey Commission has been in 'listening mode' and is now ready to discuss priorities, so it is essential that the LGA outlines its priorities about the role of local government, and to capture complex real-world insights.

# PURPOSE AND KEY PARTICIPATION METRICS



## Community Participation Overview

Over 220 attendees participating in structured events, and 282 users engaged online, showing active community involvement.

## Engagement Interactions

Engagement across all channels exceeded 4,000 interactions, reflecting strong public interest and stakeholder commitment.

## Purpose of Engagement

The goal is to update stakeholders early, stimulate conversation, and provide insights for adult social care reform.

## Future Reporting and Policy Development

A detailed synthesis will be shared post-engagement close, supporting transparent policymaking and informed recommendations.

## Secure Anonymous Platform

The Safe Spaces platform provides a safe, anonymous environment to encourage open participation without fear of judgement or exposure.

# DISCUSSION THEMES AND QUESTION AREAS

## Thematic Framework

6 major areas of structured discussions aligned with LGA adult social care priorities.

- What works well about the care and support that you or those you care for receive today?
- Imagine ideal care and support for you or those you care for. What would it look and feel like?
- What should the people or organisations providing care start, stop or do differently to better support your needs?
- Whilst you are here, do you have any ideas on how care and support should be funded? How do you think adult social care should be funded?
- What might most help – or hinder – successful reform of adult social care?
- What should be the role of local government in adult social care in the future – and what, if anything, should change?





# INITIAL OBSERVATIONS AND KEY DISCUSSION PATTERNS

## Personalised Care and Budgets

Emerging themes highlight the need for personalised care and better access to personal budgets tailored to individual needs.

## Support for Unpaid Carers

Concerns are raised about support for unpaid carers as reliance on informal care networks grows significantly.

## Funding Model Debate

Discussions focus on local versus national funding models, balancing local autonomy with funding stability.

## Role of Local Councils

Local authorities need more resources and clearer mandates to effectively lead social care reform efforts.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Register and take part

## Related events

**Care where we live: What needs to change in local government for social care reform?**

[Online](#), Wednesday 25 February 2026, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

**Care where we live: What needs to change in local government for social care reform?**

[Newcastle](#), Wednesday 11 March 2026

[Birmingham](#), Wednesday 18 March 2026

[Nottingham](#), Thursday 19 March 2026

**Smith Square Debate: Care where we live: what needs to change in local government for adult social care reform?**

[London/online](#), Tuesday 24 March 2026

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