



## The Commission on Residential Care – call for evidence

### Introduction

In July 2013, Demos launched the Commission on Residential Care (<http://www.demos.co.uk/projects/corc>). Chaired by former care services minister Paul Burstow MP, the Commission was formed to develop a new vision of residential care that would fulfil the demands of a new generation of care users.

The Commission's terms of reference are:

- To create a Vision for the future of residential care – broadly defined – which can deliver on the outcomes that 21<sup>st</sup> century care users want and value. This Vision will include both older and working age disabled people.
- To set out how the existing residential care offer could change to deliver this vision, across financial, operational, governance and cultural aspects of care – drawing on existing good practice at home and abroad.

Over the next year, the Commission will speak to current residential care users and their families, residential care staff, members of the public, and a range of experts in both policy and practice, in order to identify the direction in which residential care could and should develop in the future, making it a better fit with peoples' needs and expectations around care and support. The Commission will publish its findings in summer 2014.

### Call for evidence

In the first phase of our research, we are issuing a call for evidence, allowing us to draw on the views of a wide range of users, experts and providers about the place of residential care in a modern care system. We are inviting answers to the following questions (though if there is anything else that you feel is relevant, do feel free to include it):

- 1. How do you define residential care? Do you see extra care, retirement villages and other “housing with care” options as different by definition? What makes them different?**
- 2. What outcomes do people value when it comes to care and support (e.g. choice, control, independence)?**
- 3. Can existing residential care (as you define it) deliver these outcomes? If so, in what ways? If not, what would need to change for it to do this?**
- 4. Is there a difference between good residential care and other forms of good care? If so, what makes it different?**
- 5. How will the role of residential care change in the future? What future role would you like to see for residential care?**

Please send submissions to [core@demos.co.uk](mailto:core@demos.co.uk) no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

For further details about the Commission and its work during 2013-14, contact Jo Salter, Secretary to the Commission, at [jo.salter@demos.co.uk](mailto:jo.salter@demos.co.uk).