

Coalition of Care and Support providers in Scotland (CCPS)

Statement on the publication of the National Care Services (Scotland) Bill

CCPS is committed to the transformation of social care and now that the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill is published we look forward to discussing the detail with the Scottish Government and other partners over the coming months. We support the decision of the Scottish Government to consult further on the inclusion of children's services and justice services - our members will be active contributors to that debate. There is much to admire about the aspirations set out in the bill, which include a commitment to human rights, to fair work, early intervention and coproduction. The realisation of these will require substantial financial investment and cultural change alongside legislative change.

The legislation in itself will not transform social care. That is down to the people who work in the sector, the people who commission and fund services, and the people supported by social care. This is a sector founded on human relationships and unless we see fundamental cultural change in the quality of those relationships, we fear this wider endeavour will fail. To that end, we are calling on the Scottish Government and other partners to work together constructively to bring into being a system and structure for social care and support based on respect, partnership and collaboration. That work needs to commence straight away.

NOTES:

CCPS is the **Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland**.

Our mission is to identify, represent, promote and safeguard the interests of third sector and not-for-profit social care and support providers in Scotland, so that they can maximise the impact they have on meeting social need.

CCPS membership comprises over 90 of the most substantial care and support providers in Scotland's third sector, providing high quality support in the areas of community care for adults with disabilities and for older people, youth and criminal justice, addictions, homelessness, and children's services and family support.

