

Bridging the Care Gap

- or how to galvanise communities to support our ageing population



British Values 1

Which of the following is a traditional food associated with Scotland?

- A -- Roast beef
- B – Ulster fry
- C – Fish and chips
- D – Haggis

Source: Life in the UK, Official Practice Questions

British Values 2

What are TWO fundamental principles of British life?

A – Only driving your car on weekdays

B – Participation in community life

C – Growing your own fruit and vegetables

D – Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Source: ibid

British Values 3

What are TWO benefits of volunteering?

A – Earning additional money

B – Meeting new people

C – You are given a courtesy car as transport

D – Making your community a better place

Source: ibid

A tsunami of demand ...

2.9m with three or more long-term conditions by 2018

1.4m with dementia by 2030

Older people account for 60% hospital admissions

65% hospital bed days

56% social care spending

Numbers with learning disability rising 3%-8% annually

... an impossible response

Adult social care jobs in England – 1.85m

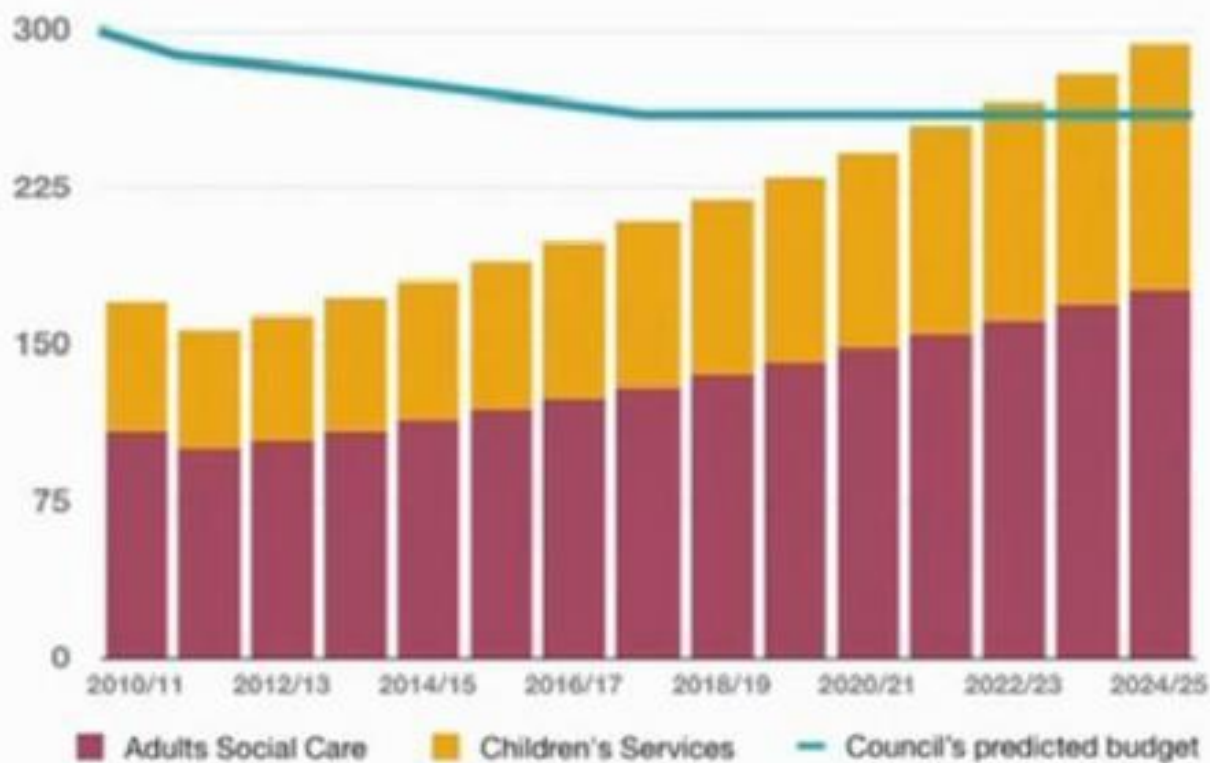
Annual rate of growth – 4.5%

Number of people doing jobs – 1.63m

Projected number of jobs by 2025 – 3.1m

Source: Skills for Care

The 'Graph of Doom'



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exists to support and develop talent, innovation and enterprise to deliver social impact.

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Care and support – a community responsibility?

Viewpoint
Informing debate

November 2008

Any new settlement on long-term care and support must address the apportionment of responsibility for its delivery as well as its funding. With the state's capacity limited and family input likely to decline, the wider community must expect to play a growing role. This offers an opportunity to end social care's marginalisation, argues David Brindle.

Key points

- Social care has become isolated from mainstream society and its recipients are cut off from their neighbourhoods and from each other.
- Care and support need to be reintegrated with, and owned by, the wider community, and the voice of service users must be amplified and heard.
- A comprehensive information and advice service provided by local authorities would help knit together a system that has become fissured and inequitable.
- Demographic and societal changes mean there will be a growing shortfall of family carers and an imperative to promote care and support from the community.
- The government espouses the principle of rights in return for responsibilities, and seeks to foster community empowerment, but is not clear enough about the implications for adult care and support.
- Difficult questions about family and community responsibilities are being ducked and the issues risk being overshadowed by a focus on personalisation of services.
- Initiatives to build social capital in communities and encourage volunteering can make an important contribution, but are unlikely to deliver large-scale solutions.
- Consideration needs to be given to a new form of social contract, making explicit the relative responsibilities of the state, family and community and offering incentives to deliver care and support.

UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL
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Author
David Brindle, *The Guardian*

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“The State in organising security should not stifle incentive, opportunity, responsibility; in establishing a national minimum it should leave room and encouragement for voluntary action by each individual to provide more than the minimum for himself and his family.”



Jimmy Reid

“The untapped resources of the North Sea are as nothing compared to the untapped resources of our people. I am convinced that the great mass of our people go through life without even a glimmer of what they could have contributed to their fellow human beings.”



Jeremy Hunt

“A forgotten million who
live amongst us – ignored
to our national shame”



Norman Lamb

“We need a movement like Neighbourhood Watch for Care, to guard against isolation amongst older and disabled people. If we can organise ourselves to look out for our neighbours against the threat of house burglaries, then we can do it for loneliness and isolation.”



John Cruddas

“The politics of the future will be about innovation and participation ... that means renewing our institutions and government devolving and sharing power with people, not doing things for them or to them. Policy is about building support for public action. It means promising less and asking more.”





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Recruiting good neighbours to transform care in old age

Together with funding from social investment, local volunteers are rejuvenating support for older people in Belfast



Mary O'Hara

The Guardian, Tuesday 11 February 2014 15.00 GMT

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A model of care being pioneered for older people gets local communities more directly involved in supporting neighbours. Photograph: Alamy

A scheme that delivers neighbourhood care in a deprived area of Belfast is to receive a share of a £1m cash injection.

The new model of care pioneered on the Mount Vernon estate in the north of the city aims to reduce social isolation among elderly and vulnerable residents.

It is one of [seven projects](#) across the UK that have been piloting an approach to [social care for older people](#) by getting local [communities](#) more directly involved in supporting neighbours. Following the projects' initial success, social investor [Big Society Capital](#) has this week announced it will provide £1m – its biggest investment to date – to expand them.

The Belfast version of this model, called Clare (Creative local action responses and engagement) was set up by the Mount Vernon Community Development Forum, partly inspired by the experience of local octogenarian Sammy Wilkinson. When his family realised that the



New models could change the shape of social care

A scheme being piloted in Leeds could transform the way older people are supported – and save money – by encouraging investment in the community. **Ian Wylie** visits the city to find out more about the project

Ian Wylie

Guardian Professional, Wednesday 24 October 2012 08.45 BST



Jean Saunders receives regular visits from volunteers such as Brian through the Combining Personalisation with Community Engagement scheme. Photograph: Mike Pinches/© Mike Pinches

Jean Saunders is glad to be back in her bungalow in the former mining community of Swillington, near Leeds, sat safely in her favourite chair after the latest in a series of falls led to another hospital stay. But the 69-year-old, who has Parkinson's disease and has been taking antidepressants since her husband died earlier this year, says it is neither medical care nor bereavement counselling that she needs most – but company.



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"Southwark Circle is delivering vastly improved care services for less money designed by elderly people for elderly people using local social networks to bring real improvements to people's lives."

—Prime Minister David Cameron, April 2009

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But now ...

“We are really proud that we have demonstrated different ways we can support a good ageing in the UK. Sadly however the current climate of deep cuts in the public sector has made it increasingly difficult to support the growth of London Circle. Circles receive no core funding and whilst we generate revenue from our members, a climate of deep recession and our commitment to serve the whole community meant that London Circle could not be independently sustainable at this time. London CIC therefore made the sad decision to cease trading from the end of March 2014.”

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Cuts to come for social work budgets at breaking point now

Wednesday 27 November 2013

The news that social work budgets are significantly overspent coincides with a period in which all three UK political parties have signed up, in varying degrees, to austerity economics, with further huge spending cuts still to come after the 2015 General Election ("Care budgets at breaking point", The Herald, November 25).

According to Prime Minister David Cameron: "We need to do more with less. Not just now, but permanently." The direction set by the Westminster Coalition will take UK public expenditure to a lower level than Germany, France, and even the USA by 2017, so we can expect UK care budgets to be cut further than they have been already.

With these budgets already at breaking point, what are the implications for the next two decades, during which time the Scottish population aged 85 or over will double? The fact is that public expenditure will need to rise by an additional £1 billion a year by 2030, a year-on-year increase of more than £50 million from now on, with an additional 50,000 care and support staff by 2030, just to maintain social care services in Scotland at the current level in line with demographic changes.

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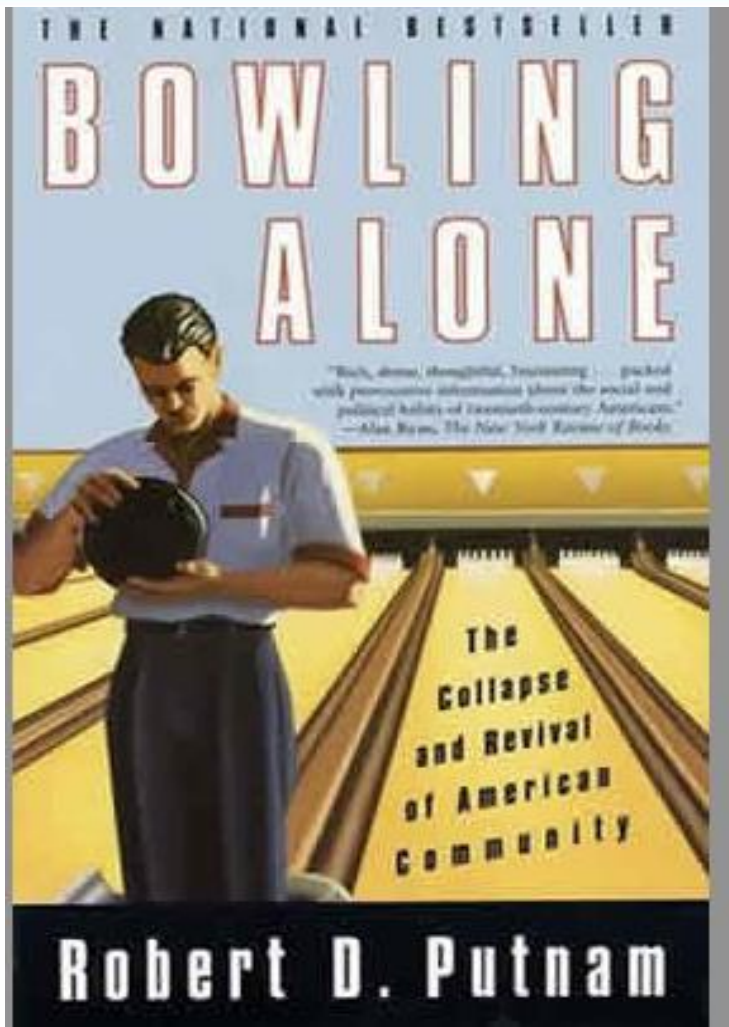
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“Joining and participating in one group cuts in half your odds of dying next year.”

... and it makes you happier

“To compensate someone who doesn’t talk to their neighbours would require a windfall of £2,100 per annum to be just as satisfied with life as someone who talks to them every day for a year”
– Dr Nick Powdthavee

