

## Alzheimer's Society responds to Andy Burnham speech

Tuesday 27 January, 2015

Responding to plans announced by Shadow Health Secretary Andy Burnham to reform the health and social care system today (Tuesday 27 January), Alzheimer's Society Head of Policy and Public Affairs George McNamara said:

'Today's proposals add to the increasing consensus across the political spectrum that an end to fifteen minute stopwatch home care visits cannot come too soon. It is vital that sufficient funding is made available to avoid the crisis in social care becoming much worse. Many of the proposals set out by Labour today address the failures of a fragmented health and care system that people with dementia are only too aware of. Too often those with the condition are falling between the cracks of an outdated, rigid system.

We support the drive to person-centred quality care delivered through one health and care system that works for an increasingly ageing population. However, that's not enough. With one person developing dementia every three minutes in the UK we need to see all parties commit to a National Action Plan to set out how the UK will tackle dementia.'

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