

# Statement of Principles: Sector Standards in Social Care and Housing

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## Standing Together to Maintain Standards in Social Care, Housing and Support.

**A statement for housing associations, social care providers, commissioners, councils, trusts and trade unions.**

We, the undersigned, recognise that the competitive tendering process by which social care, social housing, and support providers bid for contracts has the potential to damage standards in our sectors. It is leading to an environment in which low cost offers can triumph over high quality care and lead to a race to the bottom for those working in the sector as well as for service users, their families and communities.

We agree that minimum commissioning standards on both cost and staffing levels would enable employers to retain experienced employees through decent wages and conditions, fair and reasonable working patterns, job security, professional training and standards, while simultaneously protecting the quality of housing and social care in England.

We believe that sector wide minimum standards are necessary not just for the welfare of employees, but to ensure we can excel in achieving the desired outcomes for our clients. We commit to work towards a collective and mutually beneficial solution to maintain and raise standards in the sector.

Organisation name .....

Signed by .....

Date .....

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