**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE WORKING PARTY**

**REPORT TO EC 21 JANUARY 2021**

The Working Party inputted to the NPC submission to the NHS England consultation on Integrated Care Services aligned to our policy to ensure public service delivery and accountability. Evidence from across our membership showed very clearly that the claims made in the consultation document were far from reality on the ground.

We have extended an open invitation to members of the NPC LGBT group to join our meetings recognising the very real concerns around attitudes and services for LGBT people.

We have discussed the next steps in promoting our policy for a National Care Service.

Goodbye Cinderella has been well received, and the working party felt there was a need to bring together organisations and other groups of interest to raise the profile in parliament. Whilst everyone understands that radical change has to happen to make care workable, the largest challenge is political will.

Planning a webinar ‘Round Table’ to take this forward – probably April.

Alongside this work, it was felt that we needed to make a bold statement on the rights of older people, their health and well-being. Ageism is a growing concern for NPC and its members, particularly in health and care. We offer this statement below. Once agreed, it will be used to construct a manifesto to complement our booklet.

*NPC Statement on the Rights of Older People, their Health and Well-Being*

*Older people are individual citizens who deserve to be valued for their contribution to society. We deserve to be listened to, believed, respected and treated with dignity regardless of our characteristics on all issues related to access to, and provision of, services that enable a better quality of life, health and well-being.*

**Recommendation:**

* EC to agree NPC statement and receive a draft manifesto at a future meeting.