The role of TEC in a National Care Service

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CASEY COMMISSION

TEC should be designed into the National Care Service from the outset, not added later.

OUR POSITION

Eight messages for the Commission.

OUR POSITION · 1

TEC is already part of everyday care for millions

An estimated two million people in the UK are supported by TEC.

OUR POSITION · 2

TEC enables better care and better use of scarce resources

The strongest evidence is in independence, safety and more effective use of care.

OUR POSITION · 3

We know what good TEC looks like

But it is not yet the norm.

OUR POSITION · 4

What people get depends on where they live

Some councils provide TEC free, others charge.

OUR POSITION · 5

Workforce capability is a critical enabler

TEC becomes routine only when practitioners have the awareness, confidence and competence to use it.

OUR POSITION · 6

TEC provides valuable intelligence about changing needs

Interpreted by trained staff, it helps professionals act earlier.

OUR POSITION · 7

The National Care Service is the opportunity to build TEC in

Or it will remain a bolt on for another decade.

OUR POSITION · 8

We can't afford to wait

Evidence gaps should shape how we evaluate, not whether we act.

THE COMMISSION

Three things we want the Casey Commission to recommend.

ASK 1 · FOR THE COMMISSION

Set a national expectation of fair access to TEC

Wherever people live and whoever pays.

THE SECTOR WILL

Publish an updated Guide to TEC Commissioning in March 2027.

ASK 2 · FOR THE COMMISSION

Make TEC routine in assessment and care pathways

Built in, not bolted on.

THE SECTOR WILL

In partnership with ADASS publish Blueprint 2 in November 2026.

ASK 3 · FOR THE COMMISSION

Judge TEC on outcomes, not financial savings alone

Value for people, for the workforce and for budgets.

THE SECTOR WILL

Develop a consistent way to measure TEC outcomes and value.

GOVERNMENT

Three things government can act on now.

ASK 4 · FOR GOVERNMENT NOW

Make TEC a core skill for the care workforce

And help unpaid carers use it with confidence.

THE SECTOR WILL

Deliver Virtual Home 2 with Skills for Care by April 2027.

ASK 5 · FOR GOVERNMENT NOW

Make TEC visible in national data

You cannot fix variation you cannot see.

THE SECTOR WILL

Build a national TEC data asset, starting with State of the Sector.

ASK 6 · FOR GOVERNMENT NOW

Fund service transformation, not just technology

A dedicated, time limited national transformation fund.

THE SECTOR WILL

Develop common ways to evaluate costs and benefits.

THE LONG TERM ASK

The change that will make the biggest difference.

ASK 7 · FOR THE LONG TERM

Share the costs and benefits of prevention

Fund care around the person, not organisational boundaries.

THE SECTOR WILL

Map how costs and benefits flow through TEC pathways.

What next?

1. An updated blueprint for Proactive & Preventative services
2. A new guide to TEC commissioning
3. A full briefing for the Casey Commission
4. State of the sector review