



Responding to the publication of the House of Lords Adult Social Care Committee's report, 'A gloriously ordinary life', the Chair of the Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care, Dr Anna Dixon MBE, said:

"Our Commission has sought to highlight the views and voices of people affected by social care who are too often overlooked and ignored.

"We therefore wholeheartedly welcome the publication of this new House of Lords report, which addresses issues that we have heard repeatedly during our own work: people who draw on care and support are too often seen as a burden and not given choice and control over their own lives; many families are being pushed to breaking point by providing care when they do not have the time, money or emotional energy to do so; social care is underfunded and lacks a long-term vision.

"We strongly support the report's focus on the invisibility of unpaid carers. As we will outline in our report, to be published next month, we need a new deal for unpaid carers as part of a package of emotional, practical and financial support. This should include proactive advice and support from voluntary and statutory agencies, the opportunity for paid breaks to suit individual circumstances, and increased financial support."

Notes

Over the last 18 months, the Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care has sought to develop a radical and inspiring vision for care and support, drawing on Christian theology, tradition and values. The Commission's final report will be published in January 2023, setting out what needs to change for us to become a society in which people, regardless of age or ability, are supported to live a full life.

To request an interview with the Chair of the Commission, Dr Anna Dixon MBE, please contact reimaginingcare@lambethpalace.org.uk

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