

# Health and Social Care Committee

## Consultation on terms of reference for inquiry into residential care for older people

### RC12 ToR – Age Alliance Wales

Dear Mr Drakeford

I am submitting a response to the terms of reference on behalf of Age Alliance Wales.

Our members agree with the scope and content of the terms listed, but have suggested the following additions;

- Point two should be expanded to include an analysis of training needs of staff particularly in light of the Welsh Government's commitment to progressing the dignity in care programme. The training of care staff around the needs of older people should become an integral part of the dignity and respect agenda
- Access to information and advice for residents and carers linking to the Older People's Commissioner's review on advocacy in care homes
- Sustaining the independence of residents including the availability and quality of learning opportunities and activities that promote wellbeing
- Good practice on promoting links with the wider community and encouraging interaction between residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Kind regards

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