

CARE CREATES

RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF SOCIAL CARE SUPPORT



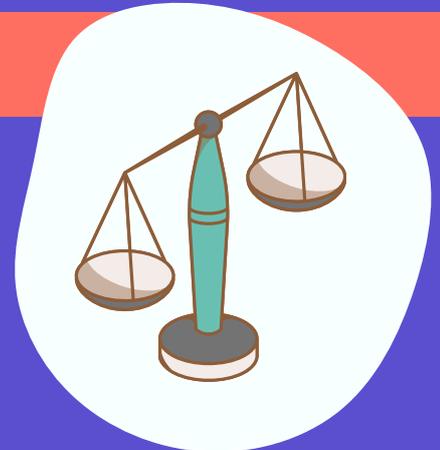
RISING NEED & COMPLEXITY



- **328,600** more people aged **50+** since 2011
- **74,000+** adults rely on the **independent sector**
- **63%** of long-stay residents live with **dementia**
- **Respiratory admissions** projected to rise **23%**; **unplanned admissions** **+18%** (65–74) and **+27%** (75+)

INEQUALITIES & HUMAN COST

- **1 in 23** people receive **social care support**
- **Higher admission projections** in the most **deprived areas**
- **Women** more likely to receive social care
- **Waiting lists** for assessments and care-at-home
- **11.7%** of hospital bed days occupied by **delayed discharge**



WORKFORCE



- **134,000** people work in adult social care
- Workforce growth of only **0.9%** and big regional WTE gaps
- **Majority female workforce**

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