

**NOTICE OF MOTION (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL HELD ON 9 MAY
2013)**

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON WHOLE-PERSON CARE

“This council notes predictions from the Nuffield Trust which show, unless we improve the way services are delivered, growing social care needs will leave a shortfall of up to £29 billion a year by 2020 in NHS funding.

This council also notes the launch of an Independent Commission led by respected international expert and former Department of Health specialist Sir John Oldham OBE. We trust this Commission will be truly independent and non partisan with genuine cross-party involvement. The Commission will seek to find ways of integrating health and social care to meet the challenge of an ageing population with rising needs for care and growing numbers of people with chronic illnesses like cancer, diabetes and dementia.

This council believes in the principle of organising services around the needs of patients, rather than patients around the needs of services, with teams of doctors, nurses, social workers and therapists all working together and care being arranged by a single person. Integrated care will lead to better outcomes and greater efficiency for the whole system.

This council supports a greater focus on preventing people getting ill and more care being provided directly in people’s homes so they avoid unnecessary hospital visits, and integrating social care services between the NHS and local authorities.

This council resolves to support the principle of “whole person care”.

This council requests the appropriate council committee, to make a positive contribution towards pursuing the goal of integrating health and social care between the NHS and local authorities.”

