

Table S1. Development of Health and Welfare Policies for Older Adults in England

Date: Development	Major policies	
	Welfare/ Social Care	Healthcare
1900s: Early 20 th Century Liberalism	1908 <i>Old Age Pensions Act</i> 1929 <i>Local Government Act</i> ◇ Poor Law power transfer to local authorities (LAs)s	1911 <i>National Health Insurance Act</i> 1929 Poor Law Hospitals become LA responsibility
1940s: Beginning of ‘Welfare State’	1942 Beveridge: <i>Social Insurance & Allied Services</i> . ◇ Introduction of National Insurance	1944 White Paper, <i>A National Health Service</i>
1946-48: ‘Welfare State’ established (post World War II)	1948 <i>National Assistance Act</i> (Abolished Poor Law) ◇ Older people needing care & attention admitted to residential homes under LAs	<i>National Health Service (NHS) Bill</i> ◇ Hospitals incorporated into NHS. ◇ Older people who are sick admitted to hospital
1970s: NHS reorganization	1970 <i>Local Authority and Social Services Act</i> ◇ Established personal social services departments in local authorities (LAs)	1973 <i>NHS Reorganisation Act</i> ◇ Area health authorities (HAs) now responsible for services divided between hospital boards before
1980s: Supporting people ‘in the community’	1981 White Paper, <i>Growing Older</i> ◇ Public services role ‘to help people to care for themselves and their families’ 1989 White Paper <i>Caring for People: Community care in the next decade and beyond</i> .	1980 <i>Health Services Act</i> ◇ Area HAs replaced by District HAs, many no longer coterminous with LAs 1987 White Paper, <i>Promoting Better Health</i> ◇ Improved patient choice
1990s: Funding of social care	1996 <i>Community Care (Direct Payments) Act</i> ◇ Direct payment to arrange own support for some 1998 White Paper, <i>Modernising Social Services: Promoting independence, improving protection, raising standards</i> 1999 Royal Commission on Long Term Care ◇ Ongoing funding of long-term care of older people	1990 <i>NHS and Community Care Act</i> ◇ NHS reorganization & Creation of internal market 1997 White Paper, <i>The new NHS: Modern, dependable</i> 1998 Acheson Inquiry - Inequalities in health

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2000s: Health & social care ‘partnership’	2000 <i>Care Standards Act</i> ◇ Registration & regulation of care services, and social care workers 2001 <i>The National Service Framework for Older People</i> ◇ Standards to improve quality of support.	2000 <i>The NHS Plan</i> ◇ Development of intermediate care as bridge between hospital and home. 2006 White Paper, <i>Our Health, Our Care, Our Say</i> ◇ Reforms for people with long-term needs.
2010s: Beginning of ‘integration’ of health & care	2010 White Paper, <i>Building the National Care Service</i> 2011 Degree-level nurse education & specialist geriatric nurse training 2011 <i>Dilnot Review</i> ◇ Recommends major reforms to funding of adult social care	2010 <i>Health and Social Care Bill</i> ◇ Increased GP role commissioning health services 2019 <i>NHS Long Term Plan</i> ◇ Aims to improve patient care over next ten years
2020s:	2021 Post-pandemic recovery plan, <i>Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care</i> 2021 White Paper <i>People at the Heart of Care: Adult Social Care Reform</i> ◇ Ten-year vision for adult social care reform	2021 White Paper, <i>Working together to improve health and social care for all</i> 2022 White Paper, <i>Joining up care for people, places and populations</i> 2022 <i>Health and Care Act</i> ◇ Legislation to integrate services for patients

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