

Long-term care – future options

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- Networks – need for coordinated care
- Example of Oprah – a model of co-ordinated care for older people to remain at home instead of nursing home care.
 Could we roll it out?
- Passion for a national conversation on alternative models
- Access to rehab care for ALL older people
- Silos of approach's exist and we need to put the jigsaw together
- Need for bigger community involvement and social community outlets – need for not JUST physical care but social care & Dignity

- No longer where we care but how we care?
- Personhood – own right to self determine
- ‘Medicalisation’ of old age – challenging a culture of dependence
- Example of McAuley House in Naas and social engagement with community and other generations
- Housing with support and choices – more choices for the individual and the supports THEY need
- Glorious isolation of great practices – need for unified thinking
 - Where you live depends on the service you get
 - No measurement / standardisation and thus no value added
- Complexity of long term planning for discharge in acute settings and the impact of silo-ed funding

- Lack of political will and regional discrepancies
- PCT's – still being developed and need for these to keep older people out of A&E
- Every conversation comes back to 'how do we pay for it?'
- Staying at home for financial reasons – carers allowance and FairDeal etc
- Encouraging a cultural conversation around finances and older persons spending THEIR own money
- Life change discourse and wider conversation