**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE WORKING PARTY**

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**17 NOVEMBER 2015**

**Work Plan:**

Several areas have been either completed or are in progress.

Notably, these are: the review of the NPC Dignity Code, newsletter articles and an agreement from Regional Secretaries to assist the working party with their *‘Tell Us Your Story’* Project.

A letter will go out to all affiliated members (through EC, National Council and Regions) early in December inviting participation in the project. The project deadline is 31 March 2016. We are seeking information from all age groups, families and communities as everyone is affected in some way or other by changes to NHS and Social Care.

**Update:**

We await the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review in terms of how much funding will be put into Social Care – with the feeling that whatever it is, it will not be enough to make any marked difference. With cuts in funding to Local Authorities to be made – one already in place – Public Health, the pressure on care services will not, in all likelihood, change in any major positive way.

At our meeting on 10 November, a proposal was accepted to research the different ways in which Vanguard sites are being implemented across England. Initial impressions are that there are different models of ‘integration’ and we really need to know how they are being progressed. Also that there is no new investment for these sites, and a potential that ‘integration’ will mean more for less raising concerns around quality and availability.

The working party data base of members who are involved in Hospital Trusts, CCGs, Patient Referral and Patient Participation Groups can be used to contact people and ask them to let us know what is going on in their area specific to Vanguard sites.

Additional areas of interest are the motions passed at BDC in March this year that are of relevance to the working party.

A meeting is being sought with the Shadow Minister for Older People, Social Care & Carers, Barbara Keeley, to raise our concerns.

**Recommendation:**

1. The EC agrees to the use of the H&SC Working Party data base to begin research on the progression of Vanguard Sites in England.