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**Put social care funding back on track says leading voluntary group**

Professor Rhidian Hughes chief executive of VODG (the Voluntary Organisations Disability Group) said:

“An estimated 1.9 million people use adult social care services in England alone. We urge the Chancellor to take heed of the report from the Communities and Local Government Committee and with urgency and commitment tackle the sector’s funding shortfall in his Spring Budget.”

Rhidian Hughes goes on to say:

“A failure to invest in social care at this critical point will leave fewer and fewer disabled and older people eligible for support. Unmet need is continuing to rise and we must stem the tide of growing inequality. The Chancellor has an opportunity to tackle that in his Spring Budget, and we urge him to put social care funding back on track.”

**Notes to editors**

VODG (Voluntary Organisations Disability Group) represents over 80 leading voluntary and charity social care disability provider organisations. VODG members support over a million disabled people, employ more than 85,000 staff and have a combined annual turnover in excess of £2.8 billion.

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