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**Sue Ryder position statement on the  
Commission on Residential Care report**

*Preth Rao, Head of Policy and Campaigns at Sue Ryder, said: "Sue Ryder welcomes the Commission on Residential Care (CORC) report, as it sets out a bold blueprint for reform and its recommendations could mark a real sea change in the way residential care is planned, provided and perceived in the future.*

*As a charity that puts personalisation at the heart of everything we do, we welcome the developed concept of personalisation through this report. In particular, the recommendation to separate people's needs and desires for care to their housing requirements.*

*The report has also highlighted the need for perceptions of residential care to change. Residential care is too frequently viewed as a last resort, which hinders independence and the choice of the individual. There needs to be a wider acceptance within and external to the sector about the reality vs the perception, as enhanced care and improved quality of life can be successfully achieved if care providers offer the right support, choice and control.*

*We are pleased that some of our work has been used in the report to illustrate this, including 'Belong Dementia Village' – our paper which highlights the importance of quality care in terms of creating a sense of community. Our purpose-built neurological care centre in Aberdeen, Dee View Court, was also referenced and it is a perfect example of how enhanced independence can be achieved for individuals in a group setting.*

*The report yet again highlights the importance of funding and we share the Commission's hope that the Care Act and the range of duties within it - particularly around well-being and market shaping - will ensure that local authority commissioners are able to match people's care needs and preferences with a range of diverse care options, including residential care. From our experience, there is currently insufficient funding in the system to achieve this, as well as a lack of diversity and supply of care options, which diminishes individual choice.*

*We welcome the report's boldness and lend our voice of support in its challenge to the sector, government and society. It is everyone's responsibility to deliver in line with its recommendations to help secure a sustainable future for residential care."*

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**1. About Sue Ryder:**

Founded in 1953, Sue Ryder is a national health and social care charity providing compassionate hospice and neurological care across the UK. It does this throughout its 7 hospices; 6 neurological care centres; community-based services and in people's own homes.

Sue Ryder offers a range of personalised care, advice, education and support services in local communities to help improve the lives of individuals – including their carers and families – with conditions such as cancer; dementia; acquired brain injury; multiple sclerosis; Huntington's disease; Parkinson's disease and Motor Neurone disease.

In order to continue to provide and develop its range of invaluable free services, Sue Ryder relies predominantly on income from its retail shops, fundraising activities and generous donations from members of the public.

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