Inquiry into regulation of care for older people

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Here in Fife we manage the care for the elderly in an agency partnership format. Although from my experience they do their best to provide good care, the task is hindered by too many agencies involved, all with their own budgets and staffing and at times their own agendas.

I am convinced of the vision of caring for older people in their own homes wherever possible, but we have this vision before and failed to deliver. Wasn’t this vision why CHP’s were created in the first place? The only difference this time is that we have the change fund money to perhaps make management of the proposed changes easier.

In my opinion what the vision requires is a single management structure with responsibility to deliver this vision of care with total control over the manpower and budget required to achieve the task. Since the initiation of most of the care is health related it is essential the organisation is within the NHS.

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