

APPG on Social Integration inquiry into intergenerational connection

Call for evidence on co-location services and spaces

DEADLINE: 13th September 2019

About the APPG:

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Social Integration brings together Parliamentarians from all political parties with an interest in the issue. The group's mission is to drive forward a cross-party conversation on policy solutions to break down barriers to integration and create opportunities for people from all walks of life to build bonds of trust, across ethnic, age and class divides. The APPG is chaired by Chuka Umunna MP, with the Secretariat provided by The Challenge.

Introduction and context:

In December 2017, the APPG launched an inquiry into intergenerational connection, to examine the ways that meaningful bonds can be fostered between the young, old and everyone in between. The 2016 EU referendum and 2017 General Election brought to light significant divides between generations, and a society in which there is often misunderstanding across the age spectrum.

The APPG published its *'Healing the Generational Divide'* interim report in May 2019, setting out the start of a policy framework to strengthen connections between different age groups. This drew on written evidence from 30 different individuals and organisations, plus findings from four parliamentary events and community visits in south London, Manchester and the West Midlands. The interim report explored four main policy areas through which stronger intergenerational connections could be built: local community projects, shared services, housing and technology. The chapter on intergenerational services (pg. 33-39) highlighted ways that nurseries, schools and care homes could become more joined up, including through co-located sites.

This further call for evidence is intended as an opportunity for individuals and organisations working to develop intergenerational services and spaces to provide their thoughts and feedback on the interim report's proposals, and to respond to any of the questions below that they wish to. The evidence gathered from this call for evidence will be invaluable in helping to inform the APPG's final report on intergenerational connection, due to be published before the end of 2019.

Definition of 'co-located services and spaces'

Our definition of co-location not only includes nurseries and care homes which are located on the same site and promote mixing between older and younger people through regular events and activities, but also older people's housing schemes, from sheltered to extra care housing, and a wide range of other community facilities, schools and colleges which bring different generations together in shared activities based on the same site.

Terms of reference:

The APPG invites respondents to answer any or all of the following questions:

- 1) What are the key practical steps that have enabled successful co-located services to operate well?
- 2) What are the main obstacles to more co-located services being set up across the country, and how can these be overcome?
- 3) What role do the different tiers of government have in helping co-located services and sites to flourish, e.g. local, regional and national government?
- 4) How can we elevate co-location up the policy agenda, both at national and local levels? Are there other policy agendas that co-location can align with, to make it a more appealing focus for government, e.g. health and wellbeing, and efficiency within health and social care?
- 5) What role do regulatory bodies such as Ofsted and CQC have in supporting co-located services and spaces to develop?
- 6) What needs to happen to ensure co-located services and sites have the funding both to start up and then continue as a sustainable scheme? Do you have any ideas on where this funding should come from?
- 7) How can we ensure that all safeguarding needs are met through co-located services and sites?
- 8) Do you think there should be a wider range of training options for staff working in a co-located setting with different generations? If so, how could this training fit in with the existing training for those caring for children or older people?

Responding to the call for evidence:

If you make a submission of evidence to the APPG, please ensure that:

- Your submission is no more than 2,000 words in length.
- You state clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organisation.
- You include a brief description of yourself/your organisation.
- You state clearly if you wish for your submission to be confidential. If this is not indicated, the APPG reserves the right to reference the content of your submission in future reports and publications.
- You email your submission in Word or Pdf format to appg.socialintegration@the-challenge.org
- You submit your response no later than Friday 13th September 2019.