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NACC welcomes appointment of a new Chief Inspector of Social Care

The NACC (National Association of Care Catering) welcomes the news that a new, strong, independent Chief Inspector of Social Care will be appointed to protect the elderly and other vulnerable people in care homes.

The Government confirmed the move as part of its official response to the Francis report, which looked into the failings at Mid Staffordshire Hospital.

The Chief Inspector of Social Care will ensure that the new regulatory model being applied to hospitals by a Chief Inspector of Hospitals is applied with the same rigour across the health and care system, putting in place a culture of zero-harm and compassionate care.

Under the umbrella of the Public Sector 100¹, the NACC, united with partner organisations, including the HCA and LACA, has been lobbying Government for such an appointment.

Karen Oliver, National Chair, NACC, said: "Food and mealtimes play a fundamental role in a social care environment. It is vital that the correct nutrition and hydration care is afforded to all service users, appropriate for their stage of life, to ensure the highest quality of care is maintained, and to prevent unnecessary and unacceptable malnutrition and dehydration.

"The appointment of the Chief Inspector of Social Care is a positive step forward in progressing and embedding good nutrition and hydration across social care settings, delivered with dignity and respect. There are outstanding examples of best practice and principles we need to share. There is no need to set up other groups and working parties when these are in place and ready to be used. We very much look forward to working with the new Chief Inspector for the benefit of the vulnerable in our society entrusting us with their care."

For further information about the NACC visit www.thenacc.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

1. What is PS100?

The Public Sector 100 is an evolution of Cost Sector Catering magazines existing event Public Sector Forum following input from the 2010 Public Sector Most Influential group, also created by Cost Sector Catering Magazine.

For the past three years we've held a high profile luncheon at the House of Commons for the top 20 most influential public sector caterers, who use this as an opportunity to debate the key issues facing public sector caterers as a whole. The 2010 group decided that meeting in isolation once a year wouldn't achieve their aims, which was to bring the issues to the attention of Government and influence policy on Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing.

And so the PS 100 was born – a broader group with real clout who would be invited to attend a series of seminars and breakfast meetings with Government and industry speakers who can both inform and learn from each other.

A collective voice is always more powerful than a lone one. The purpose of PS100 is to raise the profile of major public sector catering issues and initiatives amongst both the broader catering community and with the key political opinion formers.

www.costsectorcatering.co.uk/ps100

About the National Association of Care Catering (NACC)

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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