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**THE GREEN PAPER ON CARE FUNDING - COULD WE BE ON THE BRINK OF  
A SUSTAINABLE SETTLEMENT?**

On the last day of the Big Care Debate, Donald Hirsch, independent consultant and writer on social policy, reflects on the key criteria for successful reform of the care and support system and considers whether we could be on the brink of a sustainable settlement.

In his paper, 'The green paper and care funding: on the brink of a sustainable settlement?', Donald Hirsch considers that successful reform will be a long-term process requiring cross-party consensus around the main principles of a sustainable settlement. He is concerned about the ability of such a settlement to find sufficient new sources of funding to meet current and future needs, suggesting that in order to be successful, any solution will also need to satisfy the criteria of fairness and choice.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

- Copies of Donald Hirsch's paper: 'The green paper and care funding: on the brink of a sustainable settlement?' can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.counselandcare.org.uk/influence/news>

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- This paper was previously presented to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on housing and care for older people on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009. More information on this APPG can be obtained from: <http://www.counselandcare.org.uk/influence/parliamentary/appg/>
- Counsel and Care is a national charity getting the best care and support for older people, their families and carers. Advice on issues affecting older people and carers can be obtained by calling 0845 300 7585 or emailing [advice@counselandcare.org.uk](mailto:advice@counselandcare.org.uk)
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