

Bill will look to improve support to residents

A new bill has been announced by the Department of Health, which it said will improve the overall level of patient safety in care homes and hospitals.

Under the Health and Social Care bill, a number of developments are set to take place, such as the creation of a care quality commission, which will have the task of making inspection regulations tougher.

Moreover, an independent adjudicator would be allowed to carry out decisions on whether or not certain professionals should remain in powerful positions, the department stated.

Ben Bradshaw, the health minister, welcomed the move and stated that the fresh services should be an aid to the public, such as those in residential care homes.

"This Bill will enhance patient safety and help to ensure good quality services for patients and service users. It will establish a new regulator with tough new powers to inspect and take immediate and firm action where needed to protect patients and service users," he commented.

Wellbeing is one of the central aspects of the department's goals, it says.

NHFA Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

Member HSBC  Group