

## Older people 'should be protected'

The government should act soon to see that the Human Rights Act applies to all sectors of healthcare, including care homes, according to one official.

Director of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Tom Sandford responded to the government's report regarding the Joint Committee on Human Rights, reports Medical News Today.

He argued that the rights of residents should be paramount no matter where they are based and who they are.

The RCN will work closely with government departments to ensure that the regulations posed in the Health and Social Care Bill will be complied with in residential care homes.

In response to the recommendations posed by the committee, the Department of Health stated that more stringent protection measures would be put in place for whistle-blowers - those reporting abuses in homes - in 2009.

Recently, the Health and Social Care Bill was announced by the government with the intention of enhanced inspection regulations in homes.