

Contributing to the debate on social care reform

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Though HSMC's Professor Jon Glasby cautiously welcomes many elements of the Government's new **Vision for Adult Social Care** - which stresses the importance of the personalisation agenda as a means to create 'capable communities and active citizens', he is yet to be convinced on a number of issues and muses whether the reforms will hit the target but miss the point.

Jon's first concern is that any new system should be kept simple and not over-regulated. His second concern is the very real prospect of stringent local government funding cuts preventing councils from responding positively to this agenda. Thirdly, Jon notes the need for an inherent culture change within the welfare service, in order to move users away from being passive recipients of services towards being active citizens, able to control and shape their own lives.

These points are discussed in greater detail in the latest **Birmingham Brief**.