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Policy landscape
## Key policy initiatives

### Workforce

- A knowledge and skills framework and career structure to support progression
- Funding for portable Care Certificates
- Leadership development and tailored support for registered care managers.
- A new digital social care workforce hub and skills passports
- CPD for registered professions
- Investment in social worker training routes
- Well-being and occupational health support

### Workforce planning

- Joint health and care planning at place level
- One workforce approach
- ICBs using Health Education England review
- Expanding local feedback forums
- CQC - ICS and local authority oversight
- Considering what else is needed, including for the unregulated ASC workforce
- Immigration and international recruitment
## Key policy initiatives

### Funding and commissioning

- Charging reform – cap on care costs and changes to means test and asset thresholds
- Section 18 (3) Care Act 2014
- Changes to rules about DPs and top-ups
- Fair Cost of Care – cost of care exercises – staff costs highest proportion of total – pay & T&Cs
- Market sustainability plans
- CQC oversight of local authority commissioning
- Outcomes-focused commissioning?
- Fiscal black hole so will reforms be delayed?

### Digital and data

- £150m to drive digitisation
- Digital care records and skills passports
- Digital learning offer
- Data strategy for health and care
- Population health platform
- Improving information sharing and data collection
- Data-driven regulatory framework
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