



**Commission Inquiry on Health and Wellbeing Innovation  
Inquiry 1 - Retirement communities and care homes  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

**Biographies**

**CHAIR**

**Baroness Sally Greengross**

***Chief Executive, ILC-UK***

Baroness Sally Greengross has been a crossbench (independent) member of the House of Lords since 2000 and Co-Chairs four All-Party Parliamentary Groups: Dementia, Corporate Social Responsibility, Continence Care and Ageing and Older People. She is the Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Choice at the End of Life, and is Treasurer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Equalities. Sally is also Chair of the cross-party Intergenerational Fairness Forum.

Sally is Chief Executive of the International Longevity Centre – UK; was Co-President of the ILC Global Alliance from 2010-17 and is now their Special Ambassador; and was a Commissioner for the Equality and Human Rights Commission from 2006-12.

Baroness Greengross was Director General of Age Concern England from 1987 until 2000. Until 2000, she was joint Chair of the Age Concern Institute of Gerontology at Kings College London, and Secretary General of EuroLink Age. She is an Ambassador for Alzheimer's Society, SilverLine and HelpAge International.

Baroness Greengross is a Member of several advisory boards including Home Instead's Global Strategy Council; Fujitsu's Responsible Business Board; and BlackRock Retirement Institute's Advisory Council.

She is President of the Pensions Policy Institute and the Association of Retirement Housing Managers; Honorary Vice President of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health, a Vice President of the Local Government Association and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries.

Sally is Patron of several organisations including the Association of Retirement Community Operators; Care & Repair England; the National Network of Clinical Ethics Committees; the Ransackers Association; the Association for Ageing & Education; and Age UK Westminster. Sally holds honorary doctorates from nine UK universities.

Her work on ageing has been recognised by the UN Committee on Ageing and she received an outstanding achievement award from the British Society of Gerontology as well a British Geriatric Society Medal. Sally was UK Woman of Europe in 1990 and has been an Ambassador for the Prince of Wales supporting responsible business practice.



## **EXPERT WITNESSES**

### **Maria Brenton**

#### ***Senior Cohousing Ambassador, UK Cohousing Network***

Maria Brenton is the UK Cohousing Network's Senior Cohousing Ambassador, and a trustee of the UK Cohousing Network Trust. A former academic, she has for many years worked with the OWCH (Older Women's Cohousing) Group, who at the end of 2016, moved in to 'New Ground' Cohousing in North London, the UK's first and only Senior Cohousing Community so far. Maria is on the steering group of an inter-disciplinary and inter-university research team, based at LSE, which has made a start on evaluating the health and wellbeing impact of the senior cohousing model.

Maria has researched and written about cohousing in various countries, visiting communities in Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Italy and the USA. She is an enthusiastic advocate of this way of living both for older people and for societies confronting the challenge of ageing.

### **Helene Feger**

#### ***Director of strategy, communications and engagement, Professional Record Standards Body***

Helene Feger joined the PRSB in 2016 from the NHS, after working for 12 years as an NHS director of communications and engagement for strategic health authorities and provider trusts, delivering major service transformation in acute and mental health care. She led on the communications for the Jimmy Savile investigation at Broadmoor Hospital and produced the ground-breaking documentary 'Broadmoor' which was widely recognised for reducing stigma associated with serious mental illness. Before joining the NHS Helene was a national health correspondent and news editor, covering major issues including the Bristol heart surgery inquiry and NHS reforms.

### **Professor Martin Green OBE**

#### ***Chief Executive, Care England***

Martin Green has had an extensive career in NGO development, both in the UK and internationally, and is Chief Executive of Care England; the largest representative body for independent social care services in the UK. He is also Chair of the International Longevity Centre and a Trustee of the National Aids Trust.

In 2012, in his role as Department of Health Independent Sector Dementia Champion, he led the development of the Dementia Care and Support Compact for The Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia.

He is also a member of the Secretary Of State for Health's Stakeholder Board; a Dignity Commissioner; a Lambeth Transformation Commissioner; A Member of the Nursing and Care Quality Forum; a Board Member of the National Institute for Health Research (School of Social Care) and a founder trustee of The National Skills Academy for Social Care. In 2008 he was named care personality of the year and was awarded an OBE for Services to Social Care in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours List.



Martin Green writes and broadcasts extensively on social care issues, and is on the Editorial Board of Community Care Market News.

**\*Professor Green is unable to attend the Inquiry on the 21<sup>st</sup> May so has submitted written evidence that will be read on his behalf.**

**Cllr Izzi Seccombe**

***Chairman, Community Wellbeing Board, Local Government Association***

Cllr Izzi Seccombe first came to County politics in 2001 and has held two Portfolio roles. Firstly of Children, Young People and Families from 2005-2010, where she brought together the combined services of Education and Children's Services, and as Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder between 2010-2013.

Izzi became the first female leader of Warwickshire County Council in May 2013. She has continued to lead her administration with passion, vigour and compassion.

Izzi has been on the LGA Community Wellbeing Board since 2013 and has been Chairman of the Board since September 2014.

**Michael Voges**

***Executive Director, Associated Retirement Community Operators (ARCO)***

Michael Voges is the Executive Director of the Associated Retirement Community Operators (ARCO), the representative body for housing-with-care providers for older people in the UK. Michael has led ARCO's growth since setting the organisation up on behalf of its founding members in 2012, and was appointed as ARCO's first Executive Director in August 2013. ARCO's work is focused on tackling issues around regulation and policy, public awareness and supply of high quality retirement communities. Michael was a public sector consultant for 6 years, having previously worked as a journalist in Germany.