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**NAME** Mark Easton

**POSITION** Home Editor

**ORGANISATION** BBC

#### Biographical details:

Mark Easton has been home editor for BBC News since April 2004. The role covers the main areas of UK life and public policy, including welfare, health and education. He was previously the home and social affairs editor at *Channel 4 News*. Mark began his BBC career as a reporter on the South East magazine programme *London Plus* in 1986, before moving to *Breakfast News* and then on to *Newsnight* in 1989. He joined ITN in 1996 as political editor of *Channel Five News*, and moved to Channel 4 three years later. He made a number of documentaries for Channel 4, and his work was also included in the entry which won the channel the Emmy Award for International News in 2003.

**NAME** Lord Bill McKenzie

**POSITION** Parliamentary Under Secretary in Communities and Local Government

**ORGANISATION** Communities and Local Government

#### Biographical details:

Lord Bill McKenzie of Luton, was appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary in Communities and Local Government on 11 June 2009, in addition to his ministerial responsibilities in the Department for Work and Pensions. Born in 1946, Bill had a long career in accountancy, working for Price Waterhouse in London, Hong Kong and Vietnam. He was an elected member of Luton Borough Council from 1976 to 1992 and from 1999 to 2005, leading the Council between 1999 and 2003 and contested Luton South for Labour in the 1987 and 1992 General Elections. Lord McKenzie was an advisor to Labour's Shadow Treasury Team in opposition. He became a life peer in July 2004 as Baron McKenzie of Luton. In May 2005 he became a Whip and Government Spokesperson in the House of Lords for Treasury and business issues. In January 2007 he was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary in the Department of Work and Pensions, a position he continues to hold.

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Jeremy Porteus</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>National Programme Lead</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Department of Health Care Networks</b>

#### **Biographical details:**

Jeremy Porteus is the National Programme Lead for Networks in the Putting People First programme at the Department of Health. In particular, he manages the Housing Learning and Improvement Network which works closely with commissioners and providers in local housing, health and social care economies to improve the housing with care choices for older people and vulnerable people and access to the DH's £227m Extra Care Housing programme. Jeremy was previously Head of Corporate Policy, in the Chief Executive's Unit at Anchor Trust where he commissioned and managed key policy and research projects and led on several implementation programmes affecting the housing, care and support needs of older people and people with disabilities, including Supporting People. In 2001 Jeremy chaired the Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) Task Force on Design for Daily Living under the Foresight Ageing Population Panel. He has also visited Japan, Taiwan and Singapore to share good practice on Smart housing and healthcare technologies (DTI 2000-2002). Jeremy is a past housing association Committee Member and a Member of Care & Repair England. He also sits on the Department of Communities and Local Government Housing for Older People Working Group.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Domini Gunn-Peim</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Lead Housing Inspector</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Audit Commission</b>

#### **Biographical details:**

Domini is currently the Audit Commission's Lead Housing Inspector for the North East and Yorkshire & Humberside. She has worked as a teacher, in the voluntary sector and in local government including senior management responsibility for urban regeneration and housing services. She joined the Audit Commission's Housing Inspectorate in 2000. Domini was responsible for the development and delivery of the national Supporting People Inspection Programme England, led by the Audit Commission Housing Inspectorate, in partnership with the Commission for Social Care Improvement (CSCI) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP). She has had papers published in a number of journals and participated in international projects in Poland, France, Spain, Germany and Nicaragua.

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Ann Watt</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Deputy Director in the Social Exclusion Task Force</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Cabinet Office</b>

#### Biographical details:

Ann Watt is a Deputy Director in the Social Exclusion Task Force in the Cabinet Office. Ann's team is responsible for the new cross-government Public Service Agreement on socially excluded adults (PSA16). Working with six other government departments, Ann's team are seeking to increase the employment and settled accommodation rates of vulnerable adults, including care leavers, ex-offenders, people in contact with secondary mental health services, and people with moderate to severe learning disabilities. In her previous role, Ann worked in the Home Office setting up the new youth volunteering charity, which has the ambition of involving one million more young people in volunteering within five years. Before this, Ann worked for ten years in HM Treasury where most recently she was involved in writing the Government's ten year strategy for childcare. Before this she had experience in a wide range of areas with a focus on social policy and public service delivery. These included neighbourhood renewal, urban policy and the funding arrangements for the Good Friday Agreement reforms in Northern Ireland.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sir Bob Kerslake</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Homes and Communities Agency</b>

#### Biographical details:

Sir Robert Kerslake, the first Chief Executive of the Homes and Communities Agency, began in post as Chief Executive Designate from 31 March 2008. From 1997 to 2008 he was Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council, the fourth largest in England. The Council is rated as a four-star authority and was Council of the Year in 2005. Nationally, he has also been a non-executive Board member at the Department for Communities and Local Government and was a member of both the Equalities Review Panel and the National Employment Panel.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sean McLaughlin</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Director of Housing and Adult Social Services</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>London Borough of Islington</b>

#### Biographical details:

Sean McLaughlin became Director of Housing and Adult Social Services in May 2008. He joined Islington in 1998 as Assistant Director in the then Housing Department and more recently has been

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head of the Housing Division in the Housing and Adult Social Services Directorate. He started his career in Camden and Haringey Councils working in housing policy and research then managing front-line services in homelessness and housing advice. His key interests were improving access to housing (especially for disabled people and BME communities), improving services for women and children experiencing domestic violence, improving temporary accommodation standards, creating a new relationship with private landlords and tackling rough sleeping. At Islington Council he set up the housing advice and homelessness services, which have been recognised by being appointed Regional Champions in 2008 and winning the Institute of Housing Excellence in Homelessness award in 2006. The housing allocation system won a European Telecities Award in 2004 for e-government for promoting choice and accessibility. He represented the council interest in establishing and supporting the ALMO, Homes for Islington. Outside of housing his interests include community safety (tackling youth crime and targeted activity in crime hotspots), safeguarding children and acting as a school governor.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Chris Manthorpe</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Director of Older People's Services</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Circle Anglia</b>

#### Biographical details:

Chris Manthorpe is Director of Older People's Services for EPIC trust, part of the Circle Anglia group, and a trustee for the Elderly Accommodation Council. He began his career as a psychiatric nurse but became interested in residential care for people with dementia. He was an initiating member of the Bradford Dementia Group. He has line managed residential care, day care, home care and sheltered housing for the private, statutory and voluntary sectors and has also worked as a head of commissioning and project manager. He lectures frequently, is a freelance journalist and writes for Guardian Society and Caring Business on issues affecting older people. He is currently working on developing and research testing a toolkit for communicating with people with dementia, and has been commissioned to write a book on the subject to be published next year.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sarah Guy</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Social Researcher</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Communities and Local Government</b>

#### Biographical details:

Sarah Guy is a social researcher who has worked in different government departments including Communities and Local Government and Defra for several years. Prior to that she worked for various homeless charities including Homeless Link. Since the start of this year she has headed up a small social research team in the Housing Care and Support Division at Communities and Local Government which leads on the Supporting People programme.

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**NAME** Nigel Hamilton  
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**ORGANISATION** Sitra

#### Biographical details:

Nigel has recently been working as an independent housing consultant, having previously spent many years working in local authority housing services. He was most recently Head of Housing in Barnet, North London, where, as well as managing the strategic housing service he was a member of the SP Commissioning Board and the SP lead for the sub-regional Housing Directors Group, in which role he led a sub-regional project for improving positive move-on from supported housing. He has been involved in front line service delivery to vulnerable people throughout his career, particularly in housing needs, housing advice and homelessness services. He was instrumental in developing preventative, options-based approaches to tackling homelessness and in the introduction of choice based lettings.

**NAME** Colin Robertson  
**POSITION** Policy and Implementation Officer  
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**ORGANISATION** Sitra

#### Biographical details:

Responsible for advice, training and consultancy on all aspects of social care and supported housing; including finance and financial management and procedures as well as key aspects of Supporting People implementation funding and procurement, rent restructuring and other management issues pertinent to supported housing and care providers. Colin has worked for Sitra for over eight years and in the wider local government, charity and housing sector since 1975.

**NAME** Dan Short  
**ORGANISATION** CSED

#### Biographical details:

Dan Short formerly worked for the NHS, the Audit Commission and CIPFA and is an experienced consultant in the field of Health and Social Care. Since June 2008 he has jointly led CSED's work on Support Related Housing and Integrated Care and Support Pathway Planning with his colleague Rob Griffiths.

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**NAME** Kate McAllister

**POSITION** Consultant

#### Biographical details:

Kate McAllister works across the public and voluntary sectors to provide organisations with the tools and impetus to deliver positive change. Kate is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing and an affiliate audit commission inspector and worked for over ten years as a senior director in one of the UK's leading housing associations. Kate was instrumental in designing the quality framework for the national Supporting People programme – a major government initiative which began in 2003 and assisted with the recent review of the QAF. She works regularly with government and local authorities across England to monitor progress, resolve ongoing problems and help people prepare for forthcoming inspections. She is an associate member of CLG's Supporting People Performance and Quality Team. Kate was involved in developing the new outcomes framework for Supporting People. Other partnership work with CLG includes development of a cost modelling tool for SP Administering Authorities. In 2007 Kate was selected by CLG to work with the 13 national Individual Budget pilot sites, to offer support to effectively integrate Supporting People and DFG funding streams. In 2008 Kate worked in partnership with Matrix Consultancy on a major study funded by CLG, the Housing Corporation and CSIP to carry out research into the relationship between regional investment, housing support and health and social care. She is currently assisting CLG with a series of diagnostic visits to local authorities re PSA 16 and developing a web-based tool for local authorities to assist with benchmarking and value for money assessments of SP and adult social care funded services.

**NAME** Lucy Woodbine

**POSITION** Policy and Implementation Officer

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#### Biographical details:

Lucy joined Sitra in October 2008 as a policy officer. She has four years experience in RSLs. Prior to joining Sitra she worked for London and Quadrant Housing Trust for four years, of which three and a half was within the supported living division. Most recently she was a team leader, managing four support officers carrying out a tenancy sustainment project for general needs residents. Prior to this, Lucy was one of the agency services liaison officers for a cross section of providers, ranging from registered care, ex offenders, single homeless to women's refuges. While on L&Q's graduate program, Lucy carried out three placements; the first within Development, the second in agency services and the third carrying out an agency services residents survey. Prior to L&Q she worked for UCLH working on the electronic patient records implementation project. Lucy has a Masters in Public Policy from UCL and a BA in Anthropology and Law from LSE.

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#### **Box of Frogs**

Box of frogs specialise in helping people shape the services they receive through creative conversations, art and drama. They ensure that organisations are delivering the most efficient, effective and appropriate services to the communities that they serve. They have worked for local authorities, Primary Care Trusts and third sector organisations across the North West of England and beyond.

Working with Bolton Supporting People for over four years, box of frogs have established and still run the successful Community Experts Panel (CEP) which is made up of people who use SP funded services in the area. As part of this work in Bolton, they have developed a drama project based on the thoughts and experiences of people from the CEP and performed by members of the group. The performance has been used at regional conferences and with other groups of service users to stimulate discussion and debate around housing related support and services.