# Registered nurses:



Recognising the responsibilities and contribution of registered nurses within social care

### Contribution to health and social care agendas

The adult social care sector workforce includes employment of 34,0001 registered nurses and makes a big contribution to

- hospital admission avoidance
- early discharge
- managing long term and enduring conditions
- prevention
- re-ablement
- health and wellbeing.

## **Professional** autonomy

**Drawing on their** professional I nursing knowledge to make complex | decisions, in line with The Code (NMC, 2018).

Leading and enabling others

**Person-centred** nursing practice

A relationship-based approach to supporting wellbeing

- they focus on the people they support and their families
- spend time with people in their care to gain an understanding of them
- use ordinary life activities as ways of building and maintaining relationships

**Operating** within a complex regulatory and organisational landscape



#### A multi-faceted role



Managing complex health issues



Day-to-day management



Leadership responsibility



Systems to provide integrated care

### Philosophy of care

Embodying the capabilities and cultures of both health and social care professions and employing their nursing knowledge and skills within a social model of care.

Social care

**Health care** 

At the frontline of health and social care boundaries





Registered nurses in social care build relationships with:

- **✓** GPs
- ✓ hospital clinicians
- ✓ physiotherapists
- occupational therapists
- ✓ social workers
- housing providers.

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<sup>1</sup> Overview of the size and structure of the adult social care sector and workforce in England, as at 2020-21