**Feedback on Key issues raised by SIGs:**

**Potential Briefing Papers for IASW**

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**Group on Aging (SIGA):** Key Issue - **Statutory Homecare**

The current system for provision of home care services is unsustainable and the following priorities have been identified for the statutory home care consultation process:

1. Identification of what services fall with the remit of the scheme.
2. Publication of transparent eligibility criteria for the scheme, underpinned by a care needs assessment.
3. Equal access to the scheme irrespective of geographical location, age, or other determinants.
4. Identification of a sustainable funding model to support the scheme.
5. Development of standards and regulation to ensure the quality of service provision.
6. Robust and responsive tendering process supporting the scheme.

Any legislation must aim to ensure that there is transparency, consistency and fairness in the development and application of community-based services nationally and the principles behind the legislation must re-focus energy and resources towards community/primary care if government policy is to succeed