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## Preface

This book brings together the papers delivered at the second national *Caring for People who Live at Home* Conference held by Policy Studies Institute at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, in November 1994. The theme of the first national conference held in 1993 was stimulating the independent sector. The 1994 conference focused on the practical issues associated with making the mixed economy of care work.

The aim of the 1994 conference was to disseminate information about the work of the Initiative and to stimulate debate among practitioners through a wide range of workshop sessions which were mainly led by representatives of the 14 authorities participating in the *Caring for People who Live at Home* Initiative.

The conference was opened by John Bowis, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health. The Policy Studies Institute team gave an account of the progress of the Initiative and discussed some of the important issues arising from the first two years. The remaining papers in this publication were given at the workshop sessions.