

Save our local services

“I would like to see a better budget provided so the elderly can receive the very best care, love and support needed every day.”

Lisa, care home worker

SOS Save our local services

There is a funding crisis happening right now in social care. There have been years of unfair spending cuts in councils, while more people are living longer with conditions that mean they need more intensive care.

UNISON research has shown that social care workers, who help vulnerable people in care homes, day centres or in their own home, are at breaking point. Exhausted and undervalued, they are struggling with low pay and expected to do more with less. Our recent survey found that:

- Almost 1 in 5 social care workers are working on zero-hours or insecure contracts
- Two-thirds of workers said that they had less time to spend with clients
- Over a third of workers said that budget cuts had led to an increase in rationing supplies and/or cutting corners when providing services

UNISON wants the government to give councils the funding they need to make sure that local social care services treat workers fairly and provide the high-quality care people deserve.

What you can do to help

- Join UNISON! The more members we have, the stronger our voice can be when challenging unfair government cuts. Find out the benefits of UNISON membership and how to join at www.join.unison.org.uk
- Talk to a UNISON rep about how to take part in local activities to support the SOS campaign and UNISON's Ethical Care Charter – find out more about the Charter at www.savecarenow.org.uk
- Read more about the impact of cuts on social care services for older people in our new report – The Damage: Care in Crisis and find out more about the SOS campaign at www.unison.co.uk/saveourlocalservices