

Scrapping care visas 'potentially catastrophic'



A Government plan to scrap care visas will be potentially catastrophic for the sector, GMB Union told the Department for Health and Social Care in a meeting today [Monday].

The **new white paper** outlines plans to reduce legal migration by removing the Social Care Visa route and increasing thresholds for workers. [1]

Will Dalton, GMB National Officer, said:

“Scrapping this visa will be deeply damaging – potentially catastrophic for our beleaguered care system.



“The whole sector is utterly reliant on migrant workers – yet we still have more than 130,000 vacancies across the country.

“Care work is difficult, often dangerous yet very badly paid.

“GMB is working with the Government on Fair Pay Agreements in care, which are desperately needed to give these highly skilled professionals the wage rise they deserve.

“But there is absolutely no chance these will in in place in time to fill the void these new visa restrictions will create.”

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