

New adult social care investment must ensure carers paid £15 an hour



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GMB, the union for social care workers, says any additional investment in adult social care must go to the workforce.

The call comes amid **reports** the Government has decided to raise National Insurance to drum up £10 billion for adult social care.

GMB Union has also renewed its call for £15 an hour for care workers.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer said:

“We can debate the merits of how social care should be funded, but GMB does not back raising regressive national insurance which would hit the lowest paid workers.

“Any investment in adult social care must come with ringfenced cash to improve the pay, terms and conditions of workers across social care to reflect the skilled and valued job they do.



“The Government says it wants to put social care funding on a sustainable footing. They can only do that by prioritising the workforce and ensuring skilled workers stay in the profession and the sector can recruit.

“As we recover from the pandemic and if Ministers are serious about ‘levelling up’ the country we can’t go back to the failed business model of the past – and that means Government investment plans are not just skewed towards men.

‘The largely women workforce in social care deserve no less than the average UK wage, £15 an hour. Government and employers must make this a priority.



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