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Scotland National Care Service: Workers not even an afterthought

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GMB Scotland has responded to the introduction of the National Care Service bill today [21 June 2022]

Keir Greenaway, GMB Scotland Senior Organiser, said:

"Care staff and their fight for £15 haven't even been an afterthought in drafting the bill, they've been totally left out.

"Care staff who worked on the frontline throughout the pandemic and continue to care for our most vulnerable cannot afford to wait for improved terms and conditions.

“There is plenty on new executive boards of bureaucrats, and their pay and pensions, but there is no mention of how care workers can improve their pay.

“It’s unclear how, if at all, care staff will benefit from these fag packet plans.

“The Scottish Government is in danger of overpromising on a National Care Service.

“If they truly value care staff and want to confront the recruitment crisis in care, they need to deliver £15 an hour and outline mandatory industry minimums across the public, private and third sector.”

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