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Social care a 'ticking timebomb'

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GMB, the union for care workers, has warned social care in the UK is a 'ticking timebomb' as a damning National Audit Office is report released today.

The Department of Health and Social Care is not doing enough to support a sustainable social care workforce, the number of people working in care is not meeting the country's growing care demands and unmet care needs are increasing, according to the NAO paper.

Sharon Wilde, GMB National Officer, said:

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“We need a national response to the care crisis that finally invests in the care workforce. Our highly skilled and professional carers deserve better. We need a clear, coherent strategy for funding social care now and in the future.

"Otherwise the struggle to recruit and retain carers will become even more acute, while the standard of care for our loved ones – and us in the future – will continue to deteriorate.

"The Government must listen to this important and timely NAO report."

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