

GMB back Labour's call for a real living wage for care workers

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GMB, the union for care workers, has backed Labour's call for a real living wage and full sick pay for carers.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"GMB has consistently called for a real living wage for social care workers. covid-19 has shone a spotlight on the importance of this - it's what our members deserve.

"Statutory Sick Pay is a pittance. It's not enough for anyone to survive on in any workplace - least of all care, where staff have to choose between going to work ill or staying home and not being able to pay the bills.

"Social care needs funding, not just for during a pandemic, but for long term reform. Contractual sick pay and at least a living wage should be a right for all social care workers.

"No longer should it be an expectation that to work in care means minimum wage and no sick pay.

"GMB will not stop fighting for pay justice for our key worker social care members."

