



Yellowhammer papers reveal risk of care home closures

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GMB Union, which represents tens of thousands of care sector workers, reacted to the Operation Yellowhammer warning a No Deal Brexit risks closing care homes as even large providers may 'fail'.

The document, only revealed by the Government after MPs voted to force its release, also shows the Government is fully aware of the ongoing care crisis.

The Yellowhammer contingency plan (page 5, paragraph 20) acknowledges:

'The adult social care market is already fragile due to declining financial viability of providers.'

Before going on to warn that:

'An increase in inflation following Eu exit would significantly impact adult social care providers due to increasing staff and support costs, and may lead to provider failure, with smaller providers impacted within 2 - 3 months and larger providers 4 - 6 months after exit'

The paper advises planning for potential closures and the handing back of contracts.

 Welcome this groundbreaking cross-party report from [@SCappg](https://twitter.com/SCappg)

“ We've continuously warned underfunding and a lack of professionalisation is killing social care - now we need investment and action <https://t.co/xJwFG8H6Hp>

— GMB UNION (@GMB_union) September 4, 2019

Tim Roache, GMB General Secretary said:

“Care is in crisis, and this paper shows that the government is fully aware of that fact and just failing to act.

“Pre-election bribes firstly aren't enough and secondly don't tackle the underlying problems with in the care system.

How much should carers be paid? How should we fund care?



“Now we see that the Prime Minister's reckless pursuit of No Deal could mean closures in the already struggling sector.

“This shows the shambles of the entire system - on Brexit, on care, on how we look after the most vulnerable.

“This is complete and utter political failure on every imaginable front.”