

# Proper pay rise will solve care staff crisis – not overseas hiring spree



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Proper carer pay is the way to solve the staffing crisis, not an overseas hiring spree, says GMB Union.

Thousands of foreign workers will be hired for [Britain's care homes this winter under plans for a matchmaking service to plug staff shortages.](#)



**Gary Smith GMB General Secretary, said:**

“The dedicated workers who keep our social care system going and who look after our loved ones when they are most vulnerable are paid a pittance.

“It’s no surprise they are leaving the system in droves for better paid work elsewhere.

“Instead of touring the world for people to fill the 160,000 vacancies in social care, the Government should ensure our carers already working here get a decent wage they can live on, starting with a minimum of £15 an hour.

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