

Cross party group to tackle care crisis



GMB Union calls for urgent action need as social care system ‘crumbling beneath us’

A new parliamentary group on social care will launch in Westminster today amid warnings from GMB Union the care sector is ‘in crisis’.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Care (APPG Social Care) is a cross-party group of MPs who have come together to look at the care system, funding and state of staffing in the sector.

The group is sponsored by GMB Union, while its first inquiry will be sponsored by care provider HC-One



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GMB and HC-One entered into an agreement last summer at the launch of [Careforce](#); a dedicated campaign to look at professionalisation, skills and the prestige of the care sector.

The inquiry is due to take evidence in the coming months as the sector waits for the long overdue government green paper on social care.

“ Excellent inaugural meeting of the APPG Social Care today to discuss the realities of social care for employees, employers and care recipients in an area facing substantial difficulties. Pleased to have been elected officer of the group.

— Stephanie Peacock (@Steph_Peacock) [February 26, 2019](#)

Tim Roache, GMB Union General Secretary, said:

“Throughout our lives, we will all come into contact with care - be it our mums and dads needing help, working as a carer or knowing someone who does. Ultimately we will all need it ourselves.

“Care workers do a crucial, professional job but are not paid, seen or valued as the frontline public sector workers they are.

“Our care system right now is in crisis, it is crumbling beneath us because the funding isn't there.

“I'm proud GMB is supporting this new parliamentary group which will look at real lives and real situations, and will make evidenced-based proposals about what must be done in government to make sure we have a care system which values our care workers, and everyone gets the care and support they need.”



“ This evening we have been in Parliament to launch Careforce and to sign an historic national recognition agreement with [@HC_One](#).

Find out more about the initiative ↓ <https://t.co/U4SCka0aYt>
[pic.twitter.com/evR9cW8yOx](https://t.co/evR9cW8yOx)

– GMB UNION (@GMB_union) [June 20, 2018](#)

Justin Hutchens, HC-One CEO, said:

“Adult social care is increasingly part of the essential infrastructure of the society in which we live.

“With an ageing population, it is vital that people who require support have access to sustainable, high quality and flexible services to help them live with the dignity they deserve.

“HC-One welcomes this new parliamentary group in order to give social care the high profile it deserves, celebrate those staff who provide these essential tasks and point to where improvements must be made.

“The current system is in crisis and we must move forward to ensure we all play our part in achieving the changes required’.

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