

# Leeds faces care service collapse



Leeds faces a complete collapse of its care system as 12 of the city's providers threaten to withdraw their services.

The care companies, which represent half the city's providers, [have written to Leeds City Council](#) saying they will be forced to stop looking after their 1,500 service users unless the council stumps up more cash.

The cost of care provision will rise by an estimated 8.6 per cent due to National Insurance increases and inflation.

Meanwhile the council is only offering a 1.6 per cent increase in funding, leaving a deficit of 7 per cent to be borne by the care providers.



The care companies urge the council to reassess the proposed uplift, move towards a neighbourhood model, as used in Bradford and Sheffield and strengthen provider engagement and oversight:

**Peter Davies, GMB Senior Organiser, said:**

“GMB has tried to speak to the leader of the council, as well as the lead for Adults and Social Care.

“So far, they have ignored us – just as they have ignored their so called delivery partner.

“At the last Executive Board Meeting, councillors told colleagues all was well with care in the city.

“At the next meeting, GMB carers may be forced to turn up and give them some home truths.”

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