

Three quarters of public support tax rises for social care – poll



GMB Union launches massive care survey as poll shows 68% think adult social care in 'poor state'

Three quarters (73%) of the public support a tax increase to pay for adult social care, a Survation poll for GMB reveals.

The survey, conducted in June 2019 and released as [GMB launches a nationwide survey of care workers](#), also shows 68% of the public think adult social care is in a poor state.

Just 7% oppose tax rises to pay for social care, with 59% supporting a reverse to tax cuts – such as corporation tax – to pay for it.



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A whopping 86% believe carers should be well paid and trained, with 83% saying that pay should reflect the highly skilled and increasingly complex nature of care work.

GMB today launches a massive care survey to build a picture of the sector across the country.

[Care matters to everyone – take our survey](#)

Earlier this year GMB helped launch an [All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Care \(APPG Social Care\)](#) – a cross-party group of MPs who will look at the care system, funding and state of staffing in the sector.

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

Kelly Andrews, GMB National Officer, said:

“Our social care system isn’t just in crisis – it’s crumbling around our ears.

“A third of carers leave the profession every year while funding is woefully behind what is needed.

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"GMB will not stop unless this vital service is professionalised.

"The dedicated carers we all rely on need the pay and training they deserve."

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