

New care funding must go to improving pay of carers



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GMB, the union for carers, has responded to reports Ministers are considering a tax hike to fund social care. [1]

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

“Successive governments have refused to grasp the nettle on social care.

“The result is a crumbling, underfunded system with an underpaid and undervalued workforce.



“Adult social care desperately needs proper funding – and wherever that new investment comes from it must include ring-fenced cash to improve the pay, terms and conditions of carers to reflect the skilled and valued job they do.”

“The largely women workforce in social care deserve no less than £15 an hour.

“Government and bosses must make this a priority.”

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