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Dear Secretary of State

## TIME FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL CARE

We are very concerned about the crisis in social care.

Whilst your Adult Social Care White Paper, Build Back Better Plan and Health and Care Levy are all welcome, we do not believe that they will achieve your ambition to “FIX” social care.

There is huge unmet need in social care provision, which is only deepening and widening. There is a massive recruitment and retention crisis (latest [figures from Skills for Care](#) reveal 10%, upwards of 150,000, current vacancies) and providers – public, private and third sector – are all struggling to keep going as the cost-of-living crisis worsens.

It is not sustainable and nor does it make moral or economic sense not to act. We believe that a fully funded and long-term solution must be found and that a fair deal for carers must be delivered as soon as possible. The Social Care workforce must be properly recognised and rewarded if we are going to halt the recruitment and retention crisis in social care and meet the needs of all those who rely on social care.

We urge you to support the social care workforce – the forgotten frontline – and join us in pledging your support for our key asks. It is time for action on Social Care and time to get Social Care Done.

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