**MP LETTER TEMPLATE**

NAME OF MP

House of Commons

London SW1A OAA

Dear NAME OF MP/PEER

**SOCIAL CARE LOBBY DAY**
**TIME FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL CARE**
**Tuesday 19th July, 2022**
**1400 to 1700**
**Attlee Suite, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA**

**I/We will be coming to lobby Parliament on 19th July and would very much like to meet you to talk about the crisis in social care.**

I/We are concerned by the chronic lack of capacity in the social care system and the fact that, even before the pandemic and the cost of living crisis hit, there were circa 110,000 vacancies in social care and now the gap is even deeper.  Some estimate that there are now up to 150,000 vacancies in social care. I/We believe it is time for the Government to take immediate action and give social care workers a fair deal.

Social Care is such an essential service and everyone will rely on the social care workforce at some point in their lives. I/We want to see Government action to tackle the recruitment and retention emergency in social care provision and pay fair for care.

Despite welcome promises from Government to fix social care we do not see how the  [Adult Social Care White Paper](https://devoconnect.cmail19.com/t/y-i-bhyquy-l-r/) and [Build Back Better Plan](https://devoconnect.cmail19.com/t/y-i-bhyquy-l-j/) reforms can tackle the scale of the crisis in social care that we now face.

I/We would like the opportunity to talk to you face to face about our concerns on the 19th July at the **FSCC SOCIAL CARE LOBBY DAY and very much hope** that you will meet me/us either privately on the day and/or that you will drop-in to the Attlee Suite in Parliament between 1400 and 17.00 to show your support.

Alternatively, we would be happy to meet you in your constituency either at your Advice Surgery and/or we would be delighted to invite you to visit us so you can see first-hand the problems in social care - the ‘forgotten frontline’.

Please RSVP here if you will attend the Social Care Lobby Day or reply to me/us directly via email INSERT YOUR EMAIL CONTACT.

Yours sincerely

NAME/S – SIGNATURE/S

YOUR ADDRESS AND WHERE YOU’RE FROM

**OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER (TO BE UPLOADED TO WEBSITE FOR SIGNING**

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

The Prime Minister

10 Downing Street

LONDON SW1

 Dear Prime Minister

**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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