



END SOCIAL CARE DISGRACE CAMPAIGN

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MOTION

This Branch/Organisation recognises that Social Care is broken:

- Half of those seeking support get no help at all.
- Those who do meet escalating thresholds for support are likely to receive institutionalised care offering little choice, control, stimulation or dignity, whether at home or in a residential establishment. In some cases 'care' is not only impersonal and unkind but abusive. In addition as provision is almost wholly privatised and highly fragmented, it is also often erratic or unstable.
- Many can't pay ever increasing charges for care unless they go without essentials and fear being hounded over debts.
- An estimated 10 million unpaid carers receive little or no help, many are exhausted and stressed and feel their voices are unheard or dismissed. 80,000 carers are children!
- Care workers on rock bottom wages with poor conditions of services, few training opportunities and often no trade union representation are leaving in droves, with vacancies at 152,000 and turnover in the first year at 45%. Many workers recruited from abroad to prop up our crumbling care system find themselves exploited and trapped in conditions akin to modern slavery.
- Disabled people are significantly more likely to live in poverty than non-disabled people (27% compared with 21%). All those who are affected by disability directly or in their families account for half of the 14million people living in poverty in the UK.

We demand that the Government establish a new National Care, Support and Independent Living Service (NaCSILS) which is:

- ❖ Free at the point of use
- ❖ Publicly funded, publicly provided (not for profit) and publicly accountable -
- ❖ Nationally mandated but designed and delivered locally
- ❖ Radically re-imagined and co-produced with service users, carers, workers and local communities; offering choice, control, dignity and independence
- ❖ Underpinned by staff whose pay and conditions reflect their high value and skills
- ❖ Providing comprehensive and flexible support to carers
- ❖ Informed by a task force on independent living led by user controlled groups from diverse backgrounds

We commit to:

1. Pursue these aims through our trade union /organisation's structure
2. Affiliate to ESCaD at a cost of £50 (details below)
3. Support the struggles of disabled and older people, carers and sector workers, help to make social care disgrace visible and stop politicians sweeping it out of sight!

NB.

- i) ESCaD is a non-party political, broad based campaign** supported by Keep Our NHS Public, Reclaim Our Futures Alliance of Disabled People's Organisations, the Socialist Health Association, the National Pensioners Convention, the Women's Budget Group, Health Campaigns Together, Doctors in Unite, PCS Retired Members, Greater Manchester Association of TUCs et al.

- ii) Bank details: Lloyds Account name: NaCSILS
Account number: 65496471 Sort code: 08 92 99.**

If paying by cheque, please make sure the cheque is made out to NaCSILS and send to 11 Regina Drive, Leeds LS7 4LR. If paying by bank transfer, please email endsocialcaredisgrace@gmail.com or text: 07419 295754 to let us know. Many thanks.