

# Fair Care Campaign

For a tax funded National Care Service

**T**he way we care for older people is a mark of how civilised we are as a society. Sadly, the current social care system is in crisis: with nearly 1m older people not getting the support they need. The system is riddled with rationing, poor standards, low pay, lack of proper regulation and unfair means-testing.

The government is trying to find a solution to the way in which care is funded - looking to individuals to use the value of their homes or private insurance to pay the bills. This will not solve the problems.

The Fair Care Campaign calls for:

- *The Creation of a National Care Service alongside the NHS; funded through general taxation and based on needs rather than the ability to pay*

- *Holistic assessments to determine need to be carried out by medical and social care professionals in consultation with the individual*
- *Introduction of a UK-wide Dignity Code to uphold the rights and maintain the personal dignity of older people who are less able to care for themselves or to properly conduct their affairs*
- *Improved standards of care, through better monitoring and regulation and enhanced training and staff conditions*
- *Greater protection and specific legislation covering the issue of elder abuse*
- *A return of the majority of social care provision to the public sector*

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