

Today, 14th February 2024, the National Care Association, Care Association Alliance and Association of Mental Health Providers as the voice of several thousand members are calling upon the Prime Minister to support the millions of people they care for by:

- 1. Undertaking an urgent review of the Treasury allocation for Social Care and Support services, focused on asking why Local Authorities and Health commissioners are not appropriately funded to support proportionate fee 24/25 budget uplifts to all providers.**
- 2. Communicating as to what the governments long-term plan for social care will be and a date when the national workforce plan will be published.**
- 3. The Prime Minister, galvanises the portfolios of Ministers responsible for addressing these issues and their real-life impact on the most marginalised in our society.**

Nadra Ahmed CBE Executive Co-Chair of National Care Association said: ‘Our members are based throughout the country and are passionate and committed to ensuring the highest quality of services through respect, recognition and support for the people they support. Unfortunately, the ability to act in this way has been eroded beyond a sustainable position as we enter another financial year and to meet the circa **£12 - £14** billion shortfall identified by independent analysts of the sector. We call on the Prime Minister today to prioritise social care and value our sector for the **£50+** billion contribution to the public purse.’

Kathy Roberts MBE Chief Executive Association of Mental Health Providers said: “Now more than ever we need mental health social care sector to be prioritised by our government Ministers working together. More than 8 million people use mental health services within their communities, we are a strategic partner to local authorities and the NHS. Our call to action highlights the devastation felt by many people when one service closes. There is also a very real human impact when hours have to be reduced to meet the budget demands.”

Melanie Weatherly MBE Co-Chair Care Association Alliance said: “We have witnessed an extended period of underfunding and broken promises in relation to Social Care by successive governments. This lack of support over the past two decades and nominal support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, have illuminated that no lessons have been learned and the political neglect of our sector and those we support continues locally, regionally and nationally in the aftermath.’