

Care and Support Alliance



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The Care and Support Alliance (CSA) is a coalition of over 75 organisations across the UK.

Social care helps people with many different things like washing, cleaning and cooking. It can also help people live independent lives.

At the moment, more than 1.5 million older and disabled people in the country are not getting the care they need like washing, dressing and eating.

One reason is that there have been many cuts between 2010 and 2017.

This is not good enough because not everyone is getting the care they need.

For over 20 years politicians have promise to fix social care but no big changes have happened.

The CSA wants to see a fairer social care system where everyone would pay a bit of tax. This would mean that everyone can get care if they need it. It would stop some people from having to sell their home to get care.

The 75 charities that make up the CSA have agreed that any future social care reform should have the following features:



Straight away the next Government must put more money into social care.

We want the next Government to create a fairer care system which would look like:

- 1. People paying a bit more tax so that there will be enough money to give care to everyone who needs it. This means that people will not have to pay for their own care.**
- 2. Everyone who needs care should get it. At the moment this is not the way social care works. At the moment the council does an assessment and if you have a certain amount of savings or assets (like a house) then you might have to pay for care.**
- 3. People should be treated the same no matter where they live. At the moment different councils have different rules for who gets social care.**
- 4. The rules that say when someone should get social should be changed so people with 'moderate' needs can get social care. Moderate needs can be things like help to get to the doctor or to go and see friends or sort out bills.**
- 5. Any changes to social care must make sure that social care is fixed for all people who use it. This means that the changes should make social care better for older people, adults with a disability and carers.**

6. The changes must give more help to unpaid carers. We want to see more breaks for carers so they can give good care and have a better balance between doing their jobs and caring for someone. A benefit called the Carers' Allowance should be raised so carers gets more money.

If you have a question you can email csa@nas.org.uk

