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Independent Age Social Care

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about Independent Age's social care campaign.

The Conservatives' cuts to social care have created a crisis in the social care sector with severe consequences for the quality of care for some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Our social care sector is increasingly unable to meet the demands of an ageing population. Over a million older people are going without the care they need and others are being placed into poorly performing care homes. In order for our social care system to be able to support people to thrive we desperately need a new approach to social care.

Labour would address the funding crisis in social care by reversing cuts to our NHS which has left social care budgets short-changed by billions. However short-term funding solutions alone will not address the fundamental long-term challenges of our ageing demographics, nor meet the growing demands arising from late-life illnesses. For that reason, we believe the UK needs a bold vision for social care in our country. As our contribution to that, Labour would create a National Care Service for England which will be built alongside the NHS, with a shared requirement for single commissioning, partnership arrangements, pooled budgets and joint working arrangements.

Improving the quality of social care is a vital part of providing dignity in older age and independence and support for people who are vulnerable or have a disability or a mental health condition. These principles are central to Labour's vision of social care in our country and we will continue to press the Government to deliver social care that works for all.

Thanks again to all those who have contacted me about social care.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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