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UNISON welcomes National Care Service recommendations in Feeley report

UNISON welcomes the report's recognition of the importance of collective bargaining and that it should be integral to improving the care system. The report is critical of the market-based approach to commissioning and cites UNISON's Ethical Care Charter as a route to driving out profit motive and delivering Fair Work standards across the various types of care.

UNISON Scottish Secretary Mike Kirby said: "We welcome the support for a National Care Service, however, the challenge now moves to the Scottish Government to deliver. "The report carefully reflects the workforce issues to be addressed if we are to have a quality, rights-based service, with universally-applied standards of Fair Work. "For too long the care system has been weighted towards price and profit. A National Care Service, with the NHS as its inspiration, would make quality of care and Fair Work its focus. Read [more](#)

Pay Fair for Care

care workers for change

Time for a national care service

UNISON's 5 demands:

- 1 A real living wage for all care workers
- 2 A standard contract for care work
- 3 Significant, emergency government funding
- 4 Professional standards
- 5 A partnership working group, tasked to create a national care service

No more political promises. Demand government action to prevent more deaths.
unison.org.uk/5demandsforcare

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'Stand up for care workers!' is the passionate call from UNISON rally

Rally hears speakers from across the political spectrum, together with NGOs and celebrities, calling for social care to be treated on a par with the NHS ... [read more.](#)

[UNISON Scotland Response to easing school & nursery coronavirus restrictions](#)

UNISON survey reveals Covid pressures triggering mental health issues among health staff

UNISON General Secretary calls for a fair pay settlement for all public services workers



Scotland in UNISON 148 February 2021

Scottish Council activists' bulletin covering:

Mike Kirby takes our key priorities to First Minister;
History made as Christina becomes first woman general secretary;
NHS and council workers demand £2k pay rise;
Warm words don't pay the bills. Higher Ed says thanks for nothing;
Thanks to Dave Prentis for 20 years of commitment to UNISON;

Read full bulletin [here](#).

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NHS Staff Deserve A Pay Rise #OneTeam2K



An immediate pay rise would reassure undervalued staff to stay in NHS, says UNISON Scotland. A huge majority of NHS staff say the Scottish government doesn't value their extraordinary efforts during the pandemic, according to a new UNISON survey. Read more [here](#)

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04/02/21 unison.org.uk

UNISON wins workplace protection for domestic abuse victims.

02/02/21 heraldscotland.com

Scottish Ambulance Service responds to claims it failed to report staff Covid cases.

01/02/21 scottishhousingnews.com

Inez Kirk, Aberdeenshire UNISON branch secretary, "**This initiative** leads the way in Aberdeen and UNISON will be keen to encourage other organisations to take a look at Grampian Housing Association's ethos".

01/02/21 tuc.org.uk

Lowest paid are most likely to have lost income and increased debt in pandemic.



Get help to keep warm

UNISON's There for You Winter Fuel Grant programme for 2021 opens on Monday 25 January. Grants of up to £200 will be available to help UNISON members with fuel bills.

Coronavirus: your rights at work

Read our Q&A



COVID-19 response fund

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UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus



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