

SPECIAL CONFERENCE EDITION

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The Casey Commission on Social care report.

Adult social care affects every one of us directly or indirectly, with 4 in 5 of us expected to need to draw on adult social care in our lifetime. Our constituency asks all members to campaign for a fully funded adult social care service. A trades union survey on the state of England's social care system at the end of June 2026 has had over 1,100 survey responses submitted to-date. The findings paint a worrying picture.

Most respondents are either caring for a loved one themselves or supporting someone through the care system:-

- 38% listed 'unpaid care from family/friends' being provided for themselves or their loved one.
- 23% of respondents said that a private provider gave care; a further 23% received care from their local authority.
- 74% of respondents were ineligible for, or unsure whether they qualified for, government financial support with care costs.
- 58% have either had to make, or might have to make in future, significant financial decisions regarding assets (such as a house or a car) to cover the cost of care.
- 75% were not satisfied or only somewhat satisfied with the cost of the care they or their loved one was/is receiving.
- 12% of respondents are spending more than £2,000 per month on care for themselves or a loved one.
- 61% said that they had been negatively impacted by local authority cuts, through reduced services, poorer quality of services or cost of services.
- 59% of respondents were not completely satisfied with the quality of care they or their loved one was receiving.
- 62% experienced challenges in accessing the care that they or their loved one need/ have needed.

RESOLUTION

The Arundel and South Downs CLP calls on the government to:-

- End profiteering in social care;

- Strengthen worker's rights for carers and enable them to deliver quality and reliable care;
- Fairly fund the adult social care system; and
- Build towards a national care service.

Employment Rights

The Employment Rights Act 2025 has changed the lives of millions of working people but we need to go further. UK workers have fewer collective rights than other comparable European countries and union representation in the private sector is less than 12%.

We call for further reforms to employment rights which ensure that working people are empowered and strengthened in workplaces across the UK. Resetting the balance between capital and labour will be a catalyst for boosting economic growth, improving productivity, creating jobs and generating better social outcomes all of which the country so desperately needs.

The Arundel and South Downs Constituency Labour Party urges our government to support the introduction of collective bargaining agreements across entire industries to rebalance our economy. The government must end bogus self-employment and gig-economy employment models and ensure their replacement with fairly paid and secure jobs.

Revoking permission for the US to bomb Iran from British bases is a cost of living priority

- On 7 August, the Guardian reported: "Leaders from 10 unions, including Unison, the UK's largest, urged the prime minister to oppose further fighting in the Gulf to help bring down energy and fuel costs....and our unions said Burnham must begin by revoking permission for the US to use RAF bases to launch airstrikes on Iran."
 - On 19 August the ONS announced inflation rose to 2.9% in July, following July's rise in energy bills.
 - The issue of Britain authorising the US to conduct war against Iran from British bases is not substantially addressed in the NPF Report.
 - The US and Israel chose to start this war, that is disrupting the world's food and energy supplies, catastrophically impacting parts of the Global South and hurting communities in Britain by raising the cost of living.
 - British household energy and food bills have sharply risen since this war was launched and face further rises if the war continues.
- Arundel and South Downs CLP holds that:
- Our government is correct to say it will focus on the cost of living and take measures to make life more affordable.
 - This stated focus is undermined by continuing to authorise US air strikes on Iran from bases on British territories.

- Britain can play an important international role in deescalating this conflict by withdrawing that authorisation.

Arundel and South Downs CLP calls on the government to revoke the authorisation for the US to use bases on British territory to conduct war against Iran.

The Government must act on Israel's ongoing atrocities against Palestinians

- On 9 August, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the US-backed 15-point plan for Gaza.
- On 10 August, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported that Israeli military operations continue across Gaza, resulting in Palestinian civilian casualties.
- On 16 August, an Israeli minister called for routine daily killing of dozens of Palestinians in Gaza.
- The NPF Annual Report 2026 does not reference any atrocities committed in Gaza by the Israeli state, but Israel has violated the October 2025 Gaza 'ceasefire' thousands of times, with more than 1,250 Palestinians killed in that time and in June 2026 the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry report confirmed that Israel's genocide in Gaza is ongoing.
- Israel is on trial for genocide at the ICJ and in 2024 the ICJ judged that Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, to be unlawful and ruled that Israel was in violation of the international prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid.

Our members welcome Andy Burnham's apology for Labour's stance on Palestine and acknowledges Ed Milband's statement on 11 August, but believes decisive action is needed against Israel's genocide.

Arundel and South Downs CLP calls on the government to:

- Accept the findings of the UN Commission of Inquiry that Israel has committed genocide.
- Impose comprehensive sanctions on Israel, including a full arms embargo.
- Ban all trade that aids or assists Israel's military actions in Gaza or its unlawful presence in the occupied Palestinian territory, including all trade with Israel's illegal settlements

Workplaces need legal maximum working temperatures

- On August 11th the UK Meteorological Office announced that the summer of 2026 was likely to be the hottest on record. Moreover, the number of days this year when the temperature somewhere in the UK has exceeded 30°C is the highest ever recorded.
- 2026 follows the record-breaking summer of 2025 and maintains the trend this century in sharply rising temperatures, due to global climate change.
- The Royal College of Nursing and the TUC, including our affiliated trade unions Unison and Unite, have recently campaigned for legally enforceable maximum workplace temperature limits.

Arundel and South Downs CLP therefore calls on the Government to introduce legislation to make it mandatory:

- for employers to implement cooling measures if indoor temperature exceeds 24°C and staff feel uncomfortable;

- for a work stoppage threshold of 30°C for standard indoor environments;
- for a work stoppage threshold of 27°C for physically demanding work.

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- also calls on the government to introduce legislation mandating the provision of cooling measures to ensure comfortable working conditions during heatwaves for workers in public transport such as bus and train drivers.

Restore hope for those seeking a safe and genuinely affordable home

- On August 13 2026, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government released its latest figures for households in temporary accommodation in England. These showed that the figures had reached a record high of 135,580.
 - In light of evidence of a severely worsening housing crisis, Andy Burnham's pledge to deliver "the biggest council house building programme since the post-war period" is welcome. However, even if the entire £ 39 billion allocated to the Social and Affordable Housing programme 2026/2036 were pivoted to social rent council homes, as has been suggested, this would not deliver council homes at a scale to match the prime minister's pledge.
 - To achieve a new and radical council house building strategy that would increase the current rate of council building, i.e 10,500 in 2025, to the post-war levels which averaged 190,000 homes per annum, a revised funding commitment is needed.
- Members believe when private and "affordable" rents are unaffordable, homeownership is a distant dream for many, and when people in desperate housing need wait years in temporary accommodation, such a strategy must urgently be delivered. To restore hope and meet the aspirations of millions seeking a safe and genuinely affordable home, Arundel and South Downs CLP calls on the Labour government to:

- Invest in a council house building/acquisitions programme of 100,000 social rent homes a year;
- repeal Right to Buy;
- cancel local authority housing revenue account debts;
- replace "affordable rent" with social rent;
- end the Local Housing Allowance freeze;
- fully fund councils for temporary accommodation costs

An NHS that passes the Makerfield Test

Arundel and South Downs CLP members celebrate 78 years of Labour's National Health Service.

Our membership notes with concern NHS England's 13 August 2026 press release, showing the waiting list rising back to 7.3 million, barely 4% below July 2024's 7.6 million. Moreover, 90,000–100,000 of the 110,000 March 2026 waiting-list drop were financially incentivised administrative "Unvalidated Removals", not patients treated.

Arundel and South Downs CLP is informed that:

- the Royal College of Emergency Medicine associates prolonged A&E waiting times with over 300 deaths weekly;
- maternal mortality at its highest for almost two decades, disproportionately harming Black, Asian and poor communities;
- research showing outsourcing causes excess preventable mortality, widens inequality, undermines NHS services and costs more than in-house provision;
- Trusts are crippled by PFI debt, while £16 billion of needed repairs endanger staff

and patients.

Arundel and South Downs CLP believes marketised health and care services fail our Prime Minister's Makerfield test. Market-driven policies leave communities like some of ours in Arundel and South Downs with the greatest health needs and on the wrong side of widening inequalities.

Arundel and South Downs CLP resolves that Labour must:

- Reinstate the NHS as a fully publicly owned, publicly provided, fully funded, fully resourced and free service, delivered on need — restoring the Secretary of State's duty to provide, ending the purchaser– provider split and removing market mechanisms;
- End outsourcing, suspend A&E and maternity closures pending equality impact assessments, restore workers' pay against inflation and update Agenda for Change;
- Reject PFI-style funding, prepare to exercise the Palantir break clause and terminate or renegotiate the US-UK pharmaceutical deal.

Reference Back to the NPF Report for Labour Party Annual Conference 2026

The NPF Annual Report must acknowledge Israel's genocide in Gaza.

The National Policy Forum Annual Report 2026 references Israeli settler violence in the West Bank, the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements and humanitarian support for Palestinians, but it does not refer to Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza. This is a grave omission, which the NPF should correct urgently.

Labour Party Annual Conference 2025 passed a motion accepting the September 2025 UN Independent Commission of Inquiry report, which concluded that Israel has committed genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. In light of this, the motion called on the British government to, inter alia, (i) 'employ all means reasonably available to it to prevent the commission of genocide in Gaza', (ii) 'apply comprehensive sanctions to put pressure on the Israeli government to respect international law, including a full arms embargo and ending military cooperation' and (iii) 'ensure individuals and corporations in the UK are not involved in aiding or assisting the genocide.'

Despite this, the Annual Report makes no reference to the genocide or Britain's obligations under the Genocide Convention, the international treaty that requires signatories – including Britain – to take action to prevent genocide as soon as they become aware of a serious risk of it. That threshold has clearly been met and is still operative, as demonstrated by the June 2026 UN Independent Commission of Inquiry report, which concluded that Israel's genocide in Gaza is continuing.

The Britain Reconnected Commission should include reference to Israel's genocide in Gaza, Britain's obligations under the Genocide Convention and detail how the NPF is urging the Government to heed its obligations, including by calling for comprehensive sanctions on Israel and a full arms embargo.

Ensuring a democratic choice in Labour Leadership elections

The rules of electing the Party Leader and Deputy Leader were changed in 2021 by doubling the threshold level of nominations from Members of Parliament needed by candidates to get onto the ballot. It was raised from 10% to 20%. This change was made

deliberately in order to reduce the political options available to Party Members and Affiliated Supporters when electing these positions, by allowing MPs disproportionate influence over who gets onto the ballot. This rule change will reduce the threshold for MP nominations back down to 10%, the figure it was prior to 2021, thus allowing a wider range

The Labour Party Rule Book 2026 Chapter 4 Elections of national officers of the Party and national committees, Clause II Procedural rules for elections for national officers of the Party, Section 2 Election of leader and deputy leader, Subsection B Nominations, (i) (Page 28) reads as follows:

In the case of a vacancy for leader or deputy leader, each nomination must be supported by 20 per cent of the Commons members of the PLP and either:

a. 5 per cent of CLPs;

or b. At least three affiliates (at least two of which shall be trade union affiliates)

compromising 5 per cent of affiliated membership.

Nominations not attaining the thresholds under either a. or b. above shall be null and void.

ii. Where there is no vacancy, nominations may be sought by potential challengers. In this case any nomination must be supported by 20 percent of the Commons members of the PLP. Nominations not attaining this threshold shall be null and void. The sitting Leader or Deputy Leader shall not be required to seek nominations in the event of a challenge under this rule.

Amendment

Delete: '20 per cent of the Commons members' in 4.II.2.B.i. and 4.II.2.B.ii.

Replace with: '10 per cent'

¡Viva la solidaridad! No to Trump's War on Latin America

Sunday September 13, 12:30pm, Leonardo Royal Hotel Brighton Waterfront, Kings Road, BN1 2GS.

Tuesday 15 September 12.30pm / TUC Congress Lunch Break
The Grand Brighton, 97-99 Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2FW

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