

LETTER TO THE EDITOR FOR PUBLICATION

Dear Chancellor,

On this Leap Year day, we propose, on bended knee, that you use your first budget to invest more in social care for the sake of 1.5m people who can't get the care they need.

The 1.5bn extra pledged won't go nearly far enough as £8bn has been cut since 2010. We need to invest properly in the care of older and vulnerable adults now; give them a better life and save money for the NHS.

A state of the nation poll found that 56% of people would pay more to fund social care so it is time to do so from taxation or National Insurance.

Be bold; fulfil Boris Johnson's pledge and go down in history as the politician who ended the social care crisis.

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