

Barbara Keeley comment on Government's decision to abandon the care cost cap

Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Social Care, commenting on today's Ministerial Statement confirming the Government's abandonment of the care cost cap, said:

"In abandoning their pledge to cap care costs, the Tory Government has left vulnerable people facing catastrophic costs for their care, while wasting £1 million of taxpayers' money on the Dilnot Review.

"The Government continues to ignore the will of the House of Commons by failing to put needed funding into our ailing social care system and they are kicking major reform of social care into the long grass.

"The care system is struggling desperately from Tory cuts, people across the country still face catastrophic costs for social care and unpaid carers who gave up valuable time responding to a consultation have been treated with contempt.

"Labour will consult with carers and experts on how we can move from the current broken system of care to a sustainable service for older people and working age disabled people on the principle of shared risk, so that no-one faces catastrophic care costs as they do now."