

Inaction on social care funding is taking a heavy toll on the finances of people with dementia and their families – Barbara Keeley

Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Social Care and Mental Health, responding to the latest Alzheimer's Society report, said:

"This research reveals the shocking scale of the social care funding crisis. Continued inaction on social care funding from this government is taking a heavy toll on the finances of people with dementia and their families.

"It is also costing the NHS millions. Nine years of failure to fund social care properly means both that people who need social care and the NHS are picking up the pieces of a broken system.

"Labour would ensure more people get the care they need, through our National Care Service. As part of this, we have pledged an extra £8 billion of investment in social care across a Parliament which would include an extra 160,000 care packages, including 50,000 packages for people with dementia."