

LABOUR WILL ALWAYS PROTECT FREE PERSONAL CARE

A new report from the charity Age Scotland has revealed that thousands of older people are missing out on free personal care payments because of delays in assessing and arranging care.

The charity also released figures which show that most Scots don't believe we invest enough in health and social care.

The SNP has cut £1.5billion from local services since 2011, including social care. Scottish Labour would end SNP austerity and invest in our public services.

On May 4th, there are local elections across Scotland. A vote for Labour is a vote for a local champion; while a vote for the SNP is a vote for a councillor who will only fight for a divisive second independence referendum.

Scottish Labour deputy leader and local government campaign manager Alex Rowley said:

"Free personal care is one of Labour's proudest achievements, and we will always fight to protect it.

"These findings are alarming, and must act as an urgent wake-up call for the SNP government.

"It is simply unacceptable that older people are facing delays in care provision and are missing out on payments.

"The SNP has cut £1.5billion from local services since 2011, including cuts to social care. Labour's plans to invest in local services would end the SNP austerity that is harming so many communities.

"Every Labour councillor elected on May 4 will stand up for local communities and oppose further SNP cuts, while every SNP councillor elected will be obsessed about campaigning for a divisive second independence referendum."