

Scottish Labour debate: Recognising the Importance of Family Caregivers
Briefing from RCN Scotland

(SSP) for COVID related absences. We therefore welcome the creation of the Social Care Staff Support Fund.

- RCN Scotland recognises the detrimental impact that restrictions on visiting have had on care homes residents and their families, particularly for residents living with dementia or learning disabilities, in terms of loneliness and isolation. We believe that a person-centred approach to care requires that the wellbeing needs of care home residents must be considered and prioritised alongside physical health needs, and recognises the interplay between emotional, psychological and physical health outcomes.
- To address this, care homes must be supported to put in place effective processes to ensure the safety of residents, family members and care home staff, including appropriate PPE, infection prevention and control measures and testing where appropriate. Taken together, and planned and implemented with the necessary expertise and resources, these measures can help residents to maintain contact and connection with those close to them, supporting positive health and wellbeing outcomes for residents and carers alike.

Valuing care home sector:

The care home sector has been undervalued for far too long and it would be a failure of huge proportions if we do not learn the difficult lessons of the pandemic and tackle head on

We look forward to engaging with the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, led by Derek Feeley, to ensure the voice of our members is heard by the review panel and that the

care homes is recognised.

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