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General election briefing 2024

PROFIT HAS NO PLACE IN CARE

Private 'for profit' provision dominates adult social care. Reliance on the private sector puts the security and sustainability of local care at risk. Both care quality and job quality are worse in the private sector than in the public and voluntary sector.⁴

Taxpayers' money 'leaks' from the social care system in profit and dividends. Around 20% of private providers' income is lost in this way - money that should be invested in care provision and care workers.

We cannot afford such inefficient use of public money.

We do not allow profit in the NHS, we should not tolerate it in social care. Public provision should be the cornerstone of a national care service: coordinated through local councils and delivered not for profit.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- What will you do to end profit in care?
- Do you support a publicly-delivered national care service?
- How will you improve pay and conditions for social care workers?

USEFUL RESOURCES

- [Towards a REAL National Care Service – summary report](#)
- [Towards a REAL National Care Service – full report](#)
- [STUC, Profiting from Care: Why Scotland can't afford Privatised Social Care](#)

⁴ <https://www.stuc.org.uk/resources/profitting-from-care-rport.pdf>