

Government changes 'must be well funded'

Planned changes to the healthcare system in the UK should ensure that those receiving finances are properly funded, Unison has said.

The public service union warned the government that if the Putting People First proposals go ahead, then sufficient funds must be pumped into a new system.

Heather Wakefield, head of local government, argued new services should come with a worthwhile budget, otherwise staff turnover will be large and staff will also not be paid enough.

"Local councils must not use this latest move to cut their social care budgets. They should have a key role in liaising with personal budget holders and their families and in co-coordinating services," she asserted.

Moreover, NHS services should be sufficiently supported under the terms of any new regulations introduced, Ms Wakefield remarked.

Recent proposals announced by the government claimed that residential care homes that under perform will be removed from NHS lists, while successful venues will be given financial benefits.