



Care Providers in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Face Growing Financial Crisis

East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Partners in Care are raising urgent concerns about the financial pressures facing care providers due to recent government policy changes. The increase in employer National Insurance (NI) contributions and the National Living Wage (NLW) as announced in the Autumn Budget, are set to place significant strain on the sector, threatening the sustainability of vital care services.

To assess the impact of these changes, **East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Partners in Care** conducted a survey among care sector businesses and organisations across the region. The findings highlight serious challenges that could affect workforce retention, service provision, and the financial viability of many care providers. With already tight budgets and limited funding, these additional costs pose a real risk to the stability of care services that thousands of vulnerable individuals rely on.

Mike Derrick, Chair added

‘Care providers across our region are reaching breaking point. The latest government policy changes, while well-intentioned, will have unintended and severe financial consequences for our sector. Without urgent intervention and proper funding, many providers will be unable to continue delivering essential care services’

Recognising the urgency of the situation, we have called for a meeting with all local MPs to discuss ways to mitigate the financial burden on the sector. Our goal is to work collaboratively with policymakers to find sustainable solutions that ensure care providers can continue delivering high-quality support to those in need.

Extract from our report:

Calls for Action

- Many urge the government to rethink the policy and provide urgent additional funding for social care.
- Many fear closures, service reductions, and an inability to meet the needs of vulnerable people without urgent intervention.

In summary, the combined impact of rising costs, inadequate funding, and increasing operational challenges is creating a crisis for social care providers locally.

This crisis is being highlighted as part of the [#ProvidersUnite Day of Action](#), a national movement bringing care providers together to call for urgent government intervention. The campaign reiterates the critical need for long-term funding solutions and long overdue reforms to safeguard the future of social care.



We urge local leaders and stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue and take decisive action to protect social care services in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

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About East Sussex and Brighton and Hove Partners in Care

We are the Care Association representing care providers across East Sussex, Brighton, and Hove at both regional and national levels.

As a membership organisation, we support all Adult Social Care Providers in these areas and, through our broader network, the Care Association Alliance, we bring local issues to the attention of the Government.