

Increase in delayed transfer of care “deeply worrying” – Barbara Keeley MP

Barbara Keeley MP,
Labour’s Shadow Cabinet Minister for Social Care, commenting on new delayed transfers of care figures due to social care, said

“It is deeply worrying that in July there was an 11 per cent increase in NHS bed days lost due to a lack of social care. Over the last five years, delayed days due to social care have increased by 113 per cent

“Delays caused by patients waiting for a care package at home have also increased, continuing an upward trend since February 2015, yet we see no action from Theresa May and Tory Ministers to fix this shortage of home care.

“Keeping older and vulnerable people in hospital when they are medically fit to leave poses a risk to their recovery and increases their likelihood of contracting hospital-acquired infections.

“A Labour Government would provide the urgent additional funding needed to end the crisis in social care.”