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Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Social Care, commenting on the issue of back pay for sleep-in shifts by care staff, said:

"There has still been no resolution on the issue of care workers receiving back pay for sleep-in shifts.

"The Tory Government's lack of action is causing great uncertainty for our social care workforce. Tory Ministers need to ensure that care workers receive the money they have rightfully earned. Anything less would undermine the very principle of a statutory minimum wage and could encourage providers to plead poverty to get out of their duty to pay their care workforce properly.

"Good pay and conditions are essential to delivering good quality care for service users. This Tory Government needs to stop burying its head in the sand about the problems they have caused in social care and put the funding of social care on a long-term sustainable footing."