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Cooper MP, Labour's Shadow

Health Minister,

commenting on the Government's announcement of a new compliance scheme for social care providers who may have underpaid workers for sleep-in shifts, said:

"Today's

announcement is a betrayal of low-paid care staff by the Conservative Government

which also continues to ignore the crisis they've created in social care.

"It

is an outrage that care staff, who are some of the lowest paid in the country,

may now have to wait until March 2019 to get the pay they have earned. It shows Theresa May's pledge on becoming Prime Minister to help the lowest paid and those, like care staff, working round the clock to be utterly hollow.

"The

Tory Government must ensure that care staff receive the money to which they're

entitled and ensure providers can continue to operate so that vulnerable people

can continue to receive vital social care services."