

You can't trust the Tories' promises on social care – Barbara Keeley

Barbara Keeley, Labour's Shadow Mental Health Minister,

responding to the Tories' social care announcement ahead of their manifesto, said:

"You can't trust the Tories' promises on social care. In their last manifesto they promised a cap on care costs. But they broke their promise, letting older and vulnerable people down.

"It's the Tories who have pushed social care into crisis; their cuts to councils have meant £4.6bn axed from social care budgets between 2010-2015, leaving 1.2 million people struggling to get by without care. And NHS bosses have recently said that the money the Tories promised them won't help alleviate the problems, with bosses warning the system won't see anything like the level of resource required.

"We need real action to fix the system, not reheated broken promises with little detail about how they'll be delivered.

"While the Tories offer more of the same failure and broken promises, Labour has pledged action. We'll increase social care budgets by £8bn over the lifetime of the Parliament, including an additional £1bn for the first year. We will set up a National Care Service to provide the care that people deserve."