



# Rally for social care

Come along and support Social Care Workers, join us at the Thomas Wolsey Theatre car park at 11.30am for a rally through Ipswich. ending up at the University of Suffolk to listen to guest speakers.

All are welcome to support our campaign for social care workers to be paid a real living wage.

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The coronavirus pandemic has had tragic consequences for thousands of people across Suffolk.

It has exposed the fault lines in many aspects of public life, nowhere more so than adult social care where the virus has exacted a heavy toll on many of the most vulnerable members of society.

Care workers made huge personal sacrifices to keep the system going during the pandemic but the stresses are beginning to show. Most employers report increasing numbers leaving the sector, with the stress of the job and low pay the top two reasons staff are quitting.

It's no wonder when three-quarters of the care workers in Suffolk earn less than the real living wage. Many do not even earn the legal minimum wage as employers leave home carers' travel time or sleep-in shifts out of calculations.

And as more people leave the already stretched sector, it's inevitable that service users — some of the most vulnerable people in our county — will suffer, with visits cut down or insufficient staff numbers to keep homes running safely and with dignity.

Social care is on the brink. Please join our rally for social care to campaign for a better way.