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### **National Care Service – A Fudge?**

UNITE Federation welcomes the fact that the ongoing long term care of the elderly is finally at the top of the political agenda, but the publication of the Government's White Paper does not seem to move the debate forward.

After months of debate, discussion and consultation it seems that the National Care Service is being kicked into the political long grass and a fully operative, free at the point of service package will not be available until 2016. That's two Parliaments away.

Meanwhile, how many more people will have to use their savings or sell their home to meet the increasingly high care home bills?

Roger Turner, General Secretary of UNITE Federation said, 'This was the moment for the Government to show leadership, courage and some conviction over one of the biggest crisis to face this country. I just hope that when we all look back at this, we won't merely see a wasted opportunity.'



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