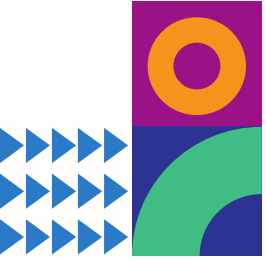


MOTION 1 - National Standing Committee – Northern Ireland

That this General Meeting calls for urgent action by the Northern Ireland Executive to implement: a Northern Ireland anti-poverty strategy, the recommendations of the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care, and the Department of Health’s safe staffing in social work policy guidance. This General Meeting also calls for the introduction of legislation for safe staffing for social work at the earliest opportunity.





MOTION 2 - Black Country Branch

This General Meeting mandates BASW UK to campaign for improvements to children and adult social care, qualitatively and quantitatively, and for improved finances including for staffing salaries, training and structural developments. We are concerned that a recent Institute for Public Policy Research, a thinktank close to Labour, identifies a Ten-year programme needed to begin to reverse the post 2010 austerity cuts.

We note that, in many local authorities, children's and adult social care are now the main expenditures in local authorities. We note a recent Local Government Association survey identifying that a fifth of Councils may issue s114 ('Bankruptcy') notices by the end of 2024.

We call on BASW to focus, by itself or with other bodies, coming up to the 2024 General Election and beyond, on Social Care as a whole and particularly for the resources to be found in the first five-year term of the next government to properly resource social care. We also call upon BASW to engage members and be open and transparent in its decision making on how it progresses this mandated policy, with regular updates to the membership on the progress of this work.

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