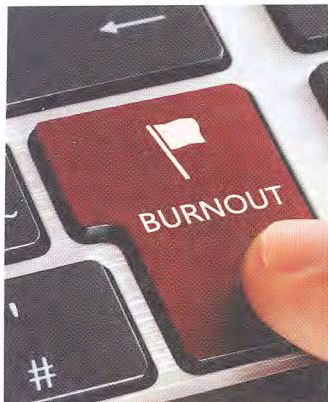


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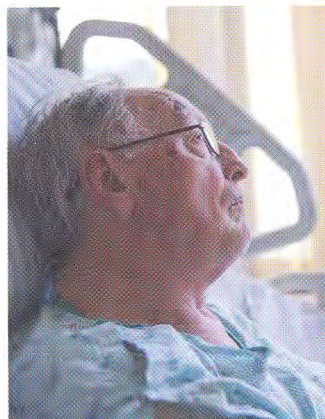


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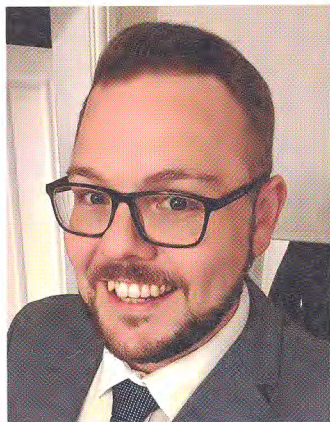


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Actions, not more words are needed to fix social care

It's a big year for policy and legislation. In this issue we have captured some of the main things going through UK parliaments – see page 18.

Within all nations there is a focus on social care like never before, with attempts to reform a system described as "on its knees" at a time when the rising cost of living is likely to push more people into crisis and in need of care.

Scotland and Wales are looking to create a National Care Service. England sees integration with health as key.

But the answer lies not just in systems, as Margaret Young points out on page 15; it's also about professionals understanding and valuing each other's contribution. And history tells us that social care has always played Cinderella to health in this regard.

For that to change requires a strong voice from the sector. It needs political vision and leadership; for policymakers to recognise, and do something about, the fact that social workers and social care staff are exhausted, underpaid and overworked.

The sector needs to see parity of esteem in the form of resources, conditions and pay.

This month's remembrance day for social care workers is welcome, but it won't be enough to stem an exodus of workers from the sector.

As the saying goes, actions speak louder than words...

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