

# JOIN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CUTS IN SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Edinburgh Council's cuts in Health and Social Care will affect some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, especially the elderly.

These cuts attack the services and resources available to help the frail and disabled to remain in their own homes with dignity.

***This is happening NOW with further cuts being planned for early next year.***

As council social care workers who are committed to providing quality services for our communities, we are campaigning against this attack on our services and jobs.

We know that once these cuts are made, the services never get reinstated again.

**That is why we are asking you to join our campaign.**

## What the cuts mean

- Care at home/domiciliary care is restricted to those who meet **critical** criteria and for hospital discharge. Once seen as not to be 'critical' the service will be withdrawn.
- Only one hot meal per day, a frozen meal, 30 mins allocated
- Increasing charges for services
- A new Care Home built by the department is now run by a private care company Four Seasons.
- Withdrawal of the shopping service
- The use of short 30 minute and

15 minute visits to be maximised. **Less time for care.**

- Restrictions for Care Home placements
- A general rundown of the Home Care services and more going out to private agencies.

Since these cuts have been implemented, staff are under even more pressure to provide a service which is rushed, leaving service-users with less choice and a service that only maintains a basic level of care.

The workforce are frustrated and demoralised as their professionalism is being continually compromised.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Write or email to your local Councillor telling them about your concerns or experiences about these cuts.
- Go to your councillor's surgery and speak to them directly.
- Write to Cllr Paul Edie, Convenor of Health, Social Care and Housing at the City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ
- Email the ruling parties  
*Liberal Democrats*  
libdem-group@edinburgh.gov.uk  
*Scottish National Party*  
snp-group@edinburgh.gov.uk

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

If you are concerned about the future of our Health and Social Care services, then please be part of this campaign that will make people start to listen and try to build and maintain a service that meets peoples needs.