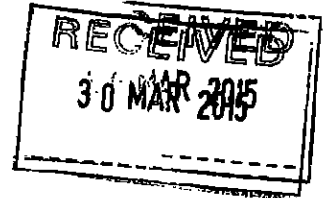


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25 March 2015

Dear Mr Boyd

A Living Wage Care Sector

Leonard Cheshire Disability is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of services to disabled people. We support thousands of people with physical and learning disabilities across the UK, providing care in people's own homes, supported rented accommodation, residential homes and day centres, as well as through respite services.

Along with the majority of social care providers, we recognise that our care staff are our greatest asset and believe that they should be paid a fair wage for the essential work they do. *"Paradoxically the lowest paid care workers are those who we expect to work the most independently, walking into the homes of strangers and [tackling] what they find there without any direct supervision. Calling this 'basic' care does not reflect the fact that getting it right is a deeply skilled task."* Cavendish review, July 2013

In recent months we have sought to highlight this important issue through work with both the Demos Commission on Residential Care and the LGiU's Burstow Commission on the Future of the Homecare Workforce. We fully support the recommendation of both commissions that social care should become a living wage sector.

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While we recognise that this relies on a sustainable funding settlement from central government, I would welcome an opportunity to discuss this further with you, including ways in which we can work together to address this important issue for the sector.

Yours sincerely

Mark Elliott
Director of Development

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