

## **Three Key Asks for the Scottish Budget**

**Social care support is essential to Scotland's future, fostering strong communities, social justice, and economic growth. Our three budget requests highlight how investing in care creates a fairer, healthier, and more prosperous nation. We urge the Scottish Government to commit funding for these priorities, building resilient communities and advancing opportunity and dignity for all.**

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### **Key Ask 1: Increase Core Funding for Social Care Support**

We stand united with COSLA's calling for a £750 million increase in core funding to create the conditions for innovation and growth where it is needed most. By investing in social care, we unlock more choice and control for individuals, improve health equity, and energise local economies.

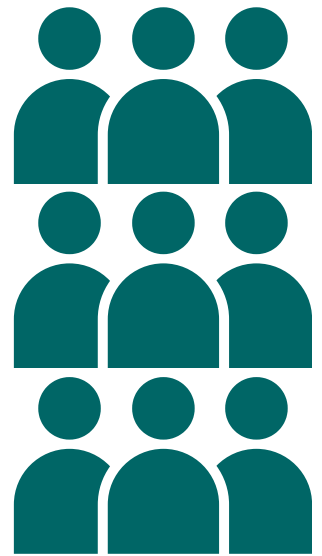
We demand robust and sustained investment in social care, because care creates jobs, opportunity, and hope. Every pound committed to social care delivers more than double in socio-economic value, enabling better outcomes for individuals, strengthening communities and supporting local businesses, especially the many women-led small enterprises that define our sector.



## Key Ask 2: Invest in our Social Care Professionals

We believe that Scotland's care professionals are the heart of our communities, and we call for fair work, fair pay, and fair treatment, enabled through ethical commissioning and procurement, effective voice and sectoral bargaining. Investing in the social care workforce means valuing those who already provide vital support every day, but with 13,000 vacancies, care creates thousands of new opportunities for people to make a real difference every single day.

We call for a measurable financial commitment to equitable compensation, ongoing development, career pathways and wellbeing initiatives that empower care workers. By investing in people, we nurture relationships, continuity, and innovation. Care creates rewarding careers, strengthens communities, and ensures dignity for all.

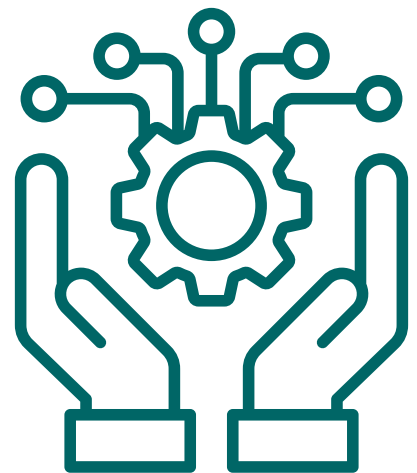


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## Key Ask 3: Invest in Ethical Technology, Digital and Data Across Health and Social Care

We call for investment in responsible innovation at the heart of our commissioning, because care drives progress. By harnessing technology, AI digital and data ethically, we build care support services that are more responsive, inclusive, and secure, but also enable creative care pathways which offer autonomy choice and control.

Research shows that every £1 invested in digital care roles returns £4.50 in social value. Invest in digital transformation that protects privacy and enables person-led care and support, let us implement technology that connects, empowers, and includes, ensuring no one is left behind as we shape the future of care.



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