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COVID-19 and the caring crises: what new practice standards are required?

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Homecare providers' perspective

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- **Dedication of workers and up-skilling in the absence of other professionals**
- **Market failures have been avoided — so far — by financial support from councils**
- **Engagement between councils and providers has improved in some areas**
- **Potential unmet need — new referrals are not coming through as expected**
- **PPE costs and supply chain issues; PPE guidance was confusing, incomplete & late**
- **Implications of “localism” for central government and providers**
- **Solutions include: Ending ‘time and task’; ISFs; population-based commissioning**



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ISSUES

- **Social workers/social care workers essential to corona virus response**
- **Lack of PPE**
- **Lack of testing**
- **Impact of easements under emergency legislation**
- **Lack of guidance**
- **Lack on data on how covid directly impacting on depleted Social Work workforce**
- **Parity of esteem**

Solutions

- **Solidarity/Voice and Influence – Older Peoples Commissioner/TU partnership forum/Wellbeing partnership**
- **Working conditions/Parity of esteem**
- **Establishment of a Social Partnership Council, as outlined in the Welsh Government's White Paper for a proposed Social Partnership Bill**
- **Increased powers for Welsh Gov - SOL /Benefits**
- **Increasing professionalisation of social care workforce**

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The logo for the British Association of Social Workers (BASW). It features the acronym 'BASW' in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced, with the 'A' and 'S' overlapping slightly. The background of the logo is a white triangle pointing downwards, set against a dark blue background.

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Questions?