

## Survey highlights crisis in care for the elderly

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In an article in the *Guardian* newspaper, a Unison survey reveals day centres have closed in 57% of areas, as independent report calls for major cultural shift in elderly care.

Widespread closures and local authority cuts to day centres have led to a crisis in care for the elderly, an authoritative new report for Unison claims.



A survey of social care workers in more than 100 areas of England, Wales and Scotland for the union – conducted by **Dr Catherine Needham** (</staff/profiles/social-policy/needham-catherine.aspx>), Senior Lecturer in Public Policy and Public Management at the **Health Services Management Centre** (</schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx>) – reveals that 57% have seen day centres close down. Services for elderly people were hardest hit, followed by those for people with learning and physical disabilities.

**[Read the full report: What is happening to day centre services? Voices from frontline staff \(PDF\) \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/publications/2012/what-is-happening-to-day-centre-services-Unison-report.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/publications/2012/what-is-happening-to-day-centre-services-Unison-report.pdf)**

**[Read the full Guardian article: 'Survey highlights crisis in care for the elderly', 18 June 2012 \(http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/jun/18/reports-crisis-services-elderly?newsfeed=true\)](http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/jun/18/reports-crisis-services-elderly?newsfeed=true)**.

This story was also covered in *The Scotsman* in their article: **['Budget cuts causing a crisis in care of the elderly, claims Union'](http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/budget-cuts-causing-a-crisis-in-care-of-elderly-claims-union-1-2360999)** (<http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/budget-cuts-causing-a-crisis-in-care-of-elderly-claims-union-1-2360999>)

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