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Over a quarter of care workers are in, or are on the brink of, poverty. I support @VODGmembership call for the government to ensure first line care staff are tied to NHS Band 3 pay, meaning they would be paid £10.40 per hour minimum. <https://www.vodg.org.uk/asset/1C6B195A-ED5B-4010-ABAFE1B058FD3A24/>

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Due to low pay, around 1 in 8 children of carer workers are ‘materially deprived’, meaning they may not have access to essential resources such as fresh fruit, vegetable or adequate winter clothing. Find out more about VODG’s call to align social care pay with NHS Band 3 pay here: <https://www.vodg.org.uk/asset/1C6B195A-ED5B-4010-ABAFE1B058FD3A24/>

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