

THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

REAL WAGES STILL LOWER THAN IN 2008

ONE IN FOUR MISSING MEALS EVERY MONTH*

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT FOR THREE IN FOUR*

*Results from Usdaw survey of over 5,000 low-paid workers.

WE NEED A NEW DEAL FOR WORKERS

It is simply unacceptable that the Conservative Government has no plan to tackle the biggest issue facing our country. To tackle the cost of living crisis we must eradicate in-work poverty.

Usdaw is calling for a New Deal for Workers.

In a survey of over 5,000 low-paid workers, seven in ten reported that financial issues were affecting their mental health. One in four were missing meals every month to be able to pay their bills.

The solution to these problems is a New Deal for Workers. This New Deal must include:

- Minimum wage of £12 per hour as a step towards £15.
- Minimum contract of 16 hours per week, for everyone who wants it.
- Contracts that reflect normal hours worked and a ban on zero-hour contracts.
- Better sick pay for all workers, from day one, at average earnings.
- Protection at work, respect for shopworkers, abuse is not a part of the job.
- Proper social security system.
- Job security and day one employment rights for all.
- Fair treatment and equality for all workers, including equal pay.
- Voice at work and end 'fire and rehire'.

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