

Union legal case delivers for live-in care workers

Switzerland

In January the [vpod](#) public services union won an important case for live-in (24 hours) care workers. The federal court ruled that 24-hour carers, who are placed in private households by temporary employment agencies, must be covered by the labour code. Previously, these workers had no protection which meant no limit to working hours and no rights to rest or time-off because the labour code didn't apply to working arrangements in private households. The union will continue to campaign for live-in care workers' rights as the ruling does not apply to those directly employed by households.

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