

Union concern over increasing role of volunteers

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The FOA public service union is concerned about the increasing number of tasks being given to volunteers in nursing homes and care centres - tasks that would normally be undertaken by paid staff. A union survey of members found one in four reporting that jobs previously handled by employees were being done by volunteers. The union welcomes the contribution of volunteers but warns that the sector cannot continue to cut jobs and rely more and more on unpaid support. FOA is also concerned about an increasing division in tasks with paid staff focusing more on practical tasks while volunteers take on more social activities and this could undermine the relationship that staff have with residents.

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