

Adult social care – some top-level trends

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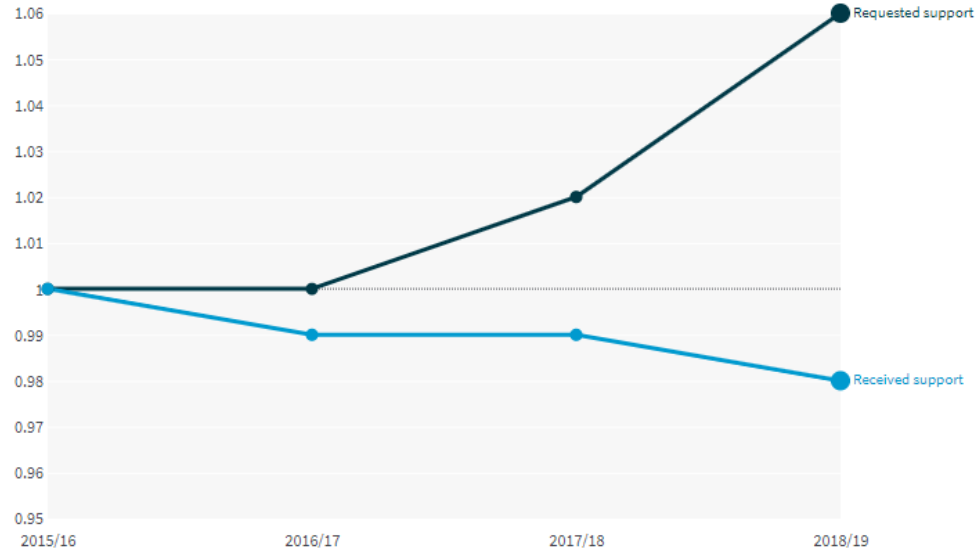
Recent trends

- **Impact on people needing services and their carers**
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More people ask for support, fewer get it

More people are requesting adult social care support but fewer people are receiving it

Number indexed to 2015/16 (2015/16 = 1)



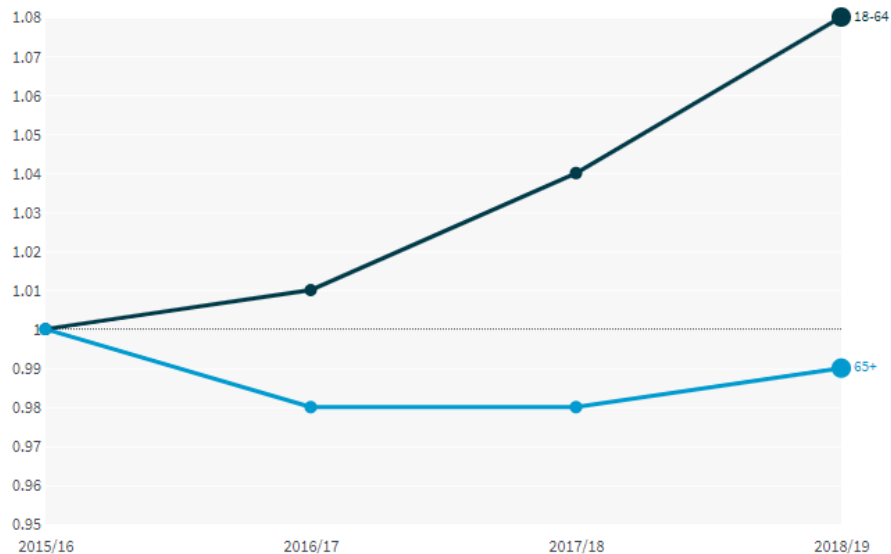
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More requests from working age adults

Requests for social care have risen for working age adults but remained relatively static for older people

Requests for support per 100,000 population, indexed to 2015/16 (2015/16 = 1)



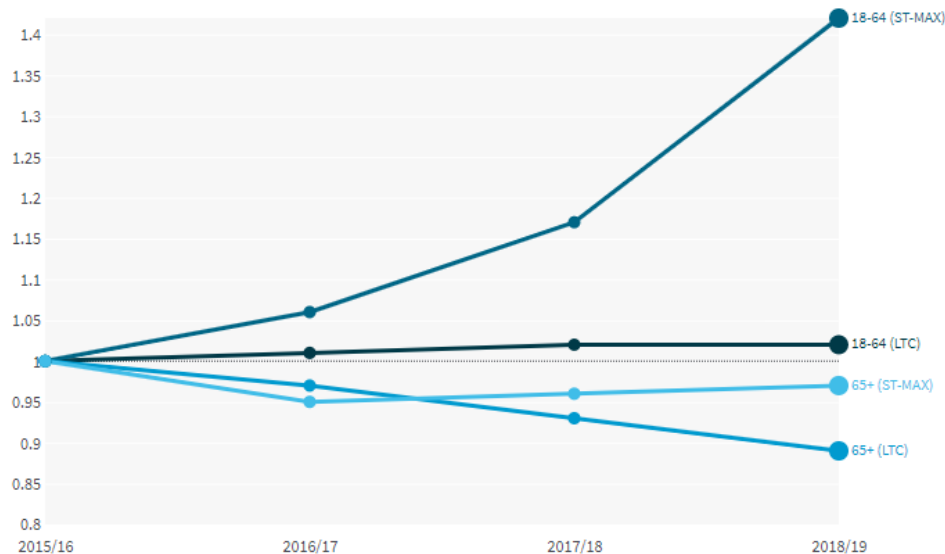
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... and more of them get short term support

There has been an increase in working age adults receiving short term care, but other types of care have remained static or fallen

Number of clients accessing support per 100,000 population, indexed to 2015/16 (2015/16 = 1)



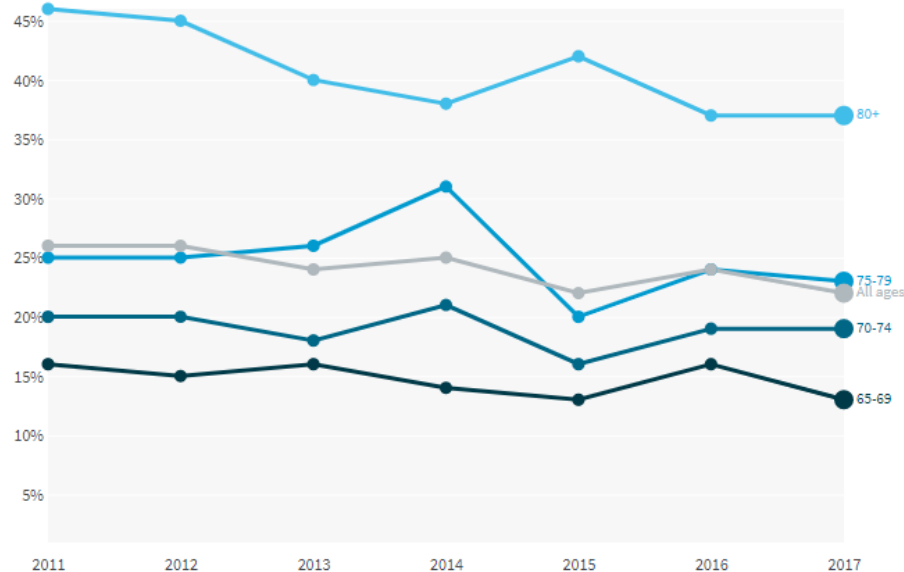
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And, while falling, there is still unmet need

While it is falling, there is still a high percentage of unmet need

Percentage of over 65's with unmet need



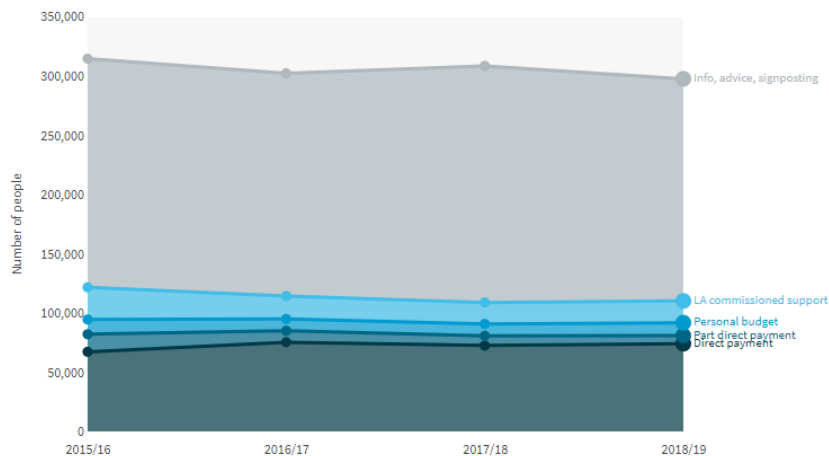
Source: [Health Survey for England](#) • Data is for respondents over 65 who had a need for support with at least one activity of daily living (for example washing or dressing) that was not met

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It's a mixed picture on carer support

Fewer carers get support from councils, more claim Carers Allowance

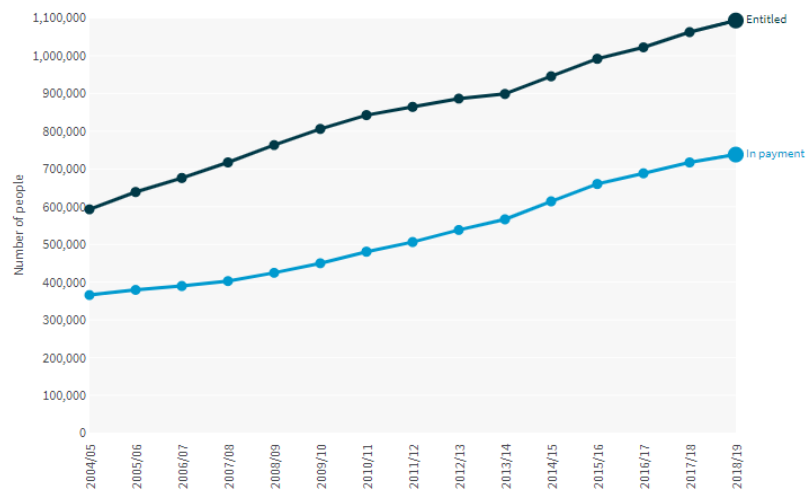
Overall, the number of carers receiving support from their local authority has decreased



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The number of people entitled to and in receipt of carers allowance has been increasing



Source: [Department for Work and Pensions](#) - Number in Q4 of each year

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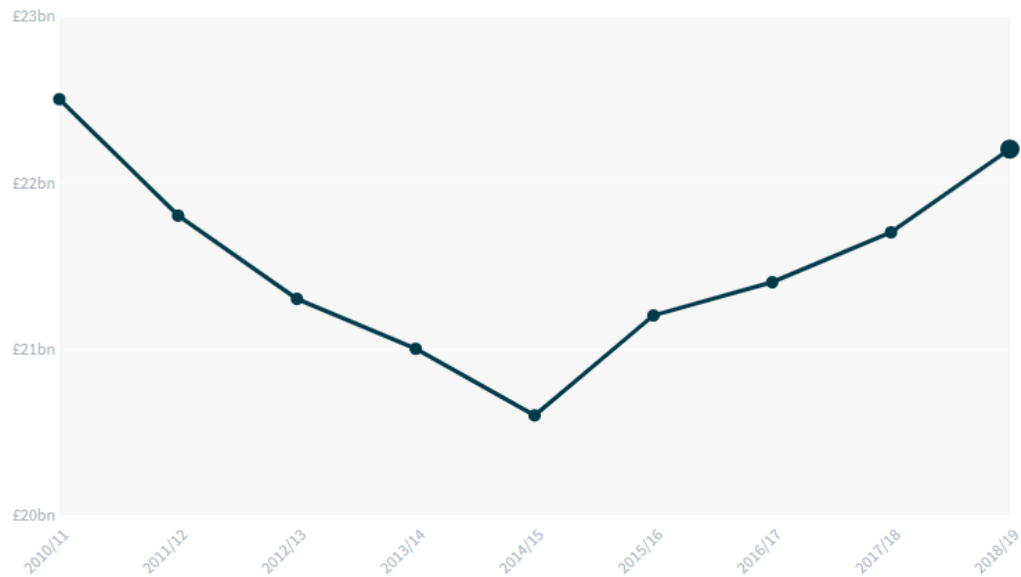
Recent trends

- Impact on people needing services and their carers
- **Impact on spending**
- Impact on providers

Spending is £300m below 2010/11 in real terms

While spending on adult social care has risen it is still £0.3bn below the level it was at in 2010/11

Total expenditure adjusted to 2018/19 prices



Source: [NHS Digital](#)

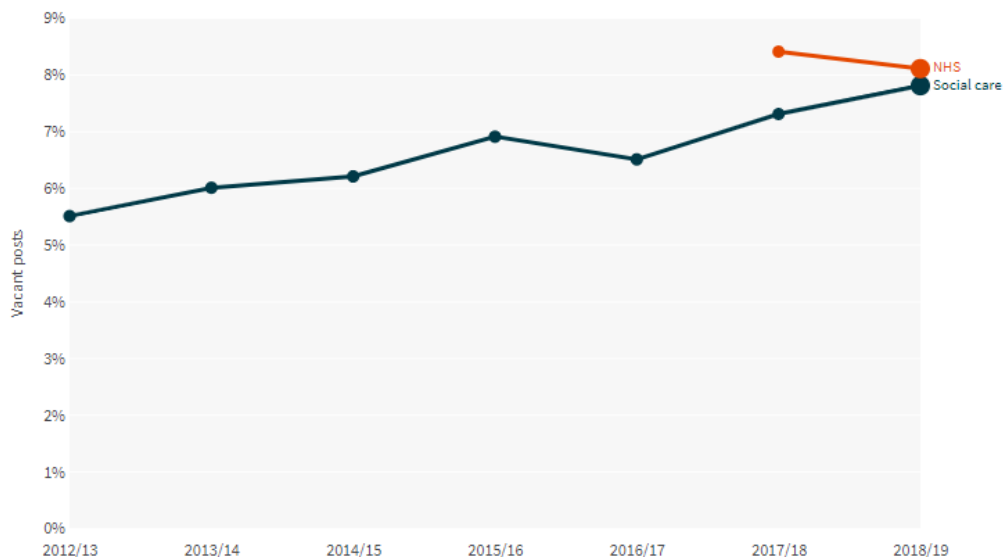
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The vacancy rate is increasing

The vacancy rate in social care has been increasing and is similar to the vacancy rate in the NHS



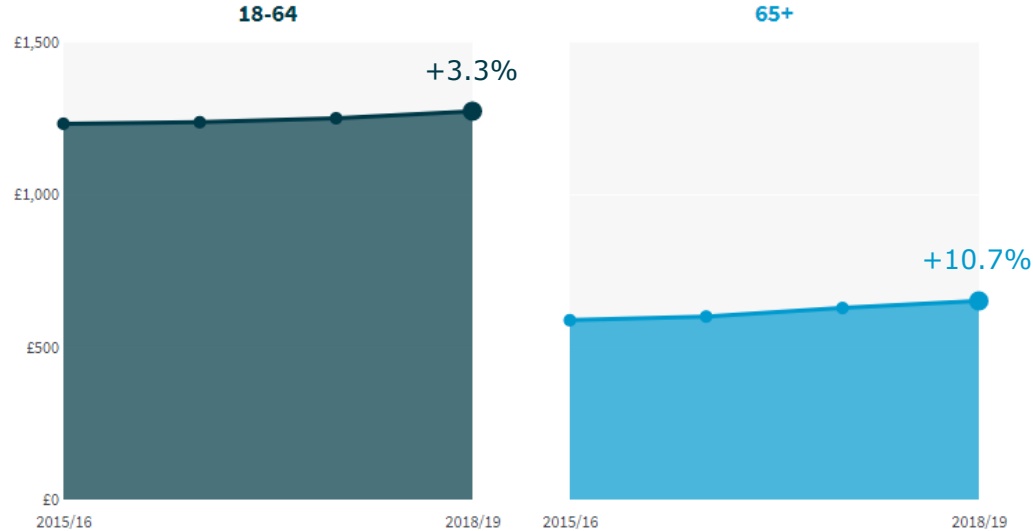
Source: [Skills for Care, NHS Improvement](#) • NHS vacancy rate as reported in Q4.

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The cost of commissioning care is rising

The cost of providing residential or nursing care for an older person has grown faster than for a working-age adult

Average cost per week adjusted to 2018/19 prices, percentage increase since 2015/16



Source: [NHS Digital](#)

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Spending Round 2019: what it did

All the various different grants which were due to end in March 2020 will be rolled forward – good news.

The NHS's contribution to social care through the Better Care Fund increases by 3.4 per cent in real terms – in line with the overall settlement for the NHS long-term plan.

A new grant of £1 billion will go direct to local authorities for social care for all ages.

Councils are also given permission to use a 2 per cent council tax precept for adult social care, which would raise another £500 million assuming all councils use it.

Spending Round 2020: what it means

It's enough to meet demographic demand pressures, but it's not going to be enough to increase quality, meet unmet needs, or give much stability to providers and the hugely under-valued social care

The funding at best stops the current problems getting worse, but doesn't undo the years of underinvestment, and will do little to overcome the workforce shortages endemic in health and care

Spending Review 2020



Boris Johnson promised to fix the social care crisis 'once and for all' as he stood on the steps of Downing Street yesterday.

In his first speech as Prime Minister, Mr Johnson vowed to protect elderly people from the 'fear' of having to sell their homes to pay sky-high care bills.

He claimed he had a clear plan of action to give every older person the 'dignity and security they deserve'"

Daily Mail 24 July 2019

Spending Review 2020

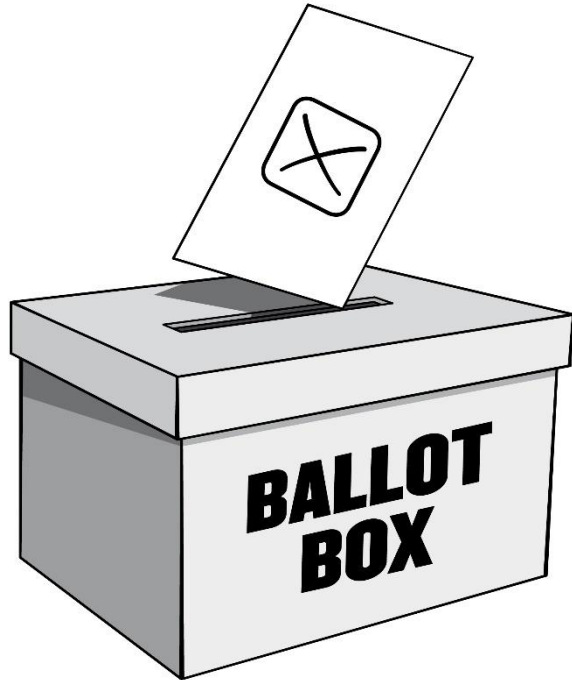


“All elderly people in England will be eligible for free help with basic tasks such as getting out of bed, washing and feeding themselves under Labour plans for a national care service.

The pledge, which will cost £6bn a year in 2020/21, would more than double the number of people receiving state-funded support, Labour said.”

Huffington Post, 22 September 2019

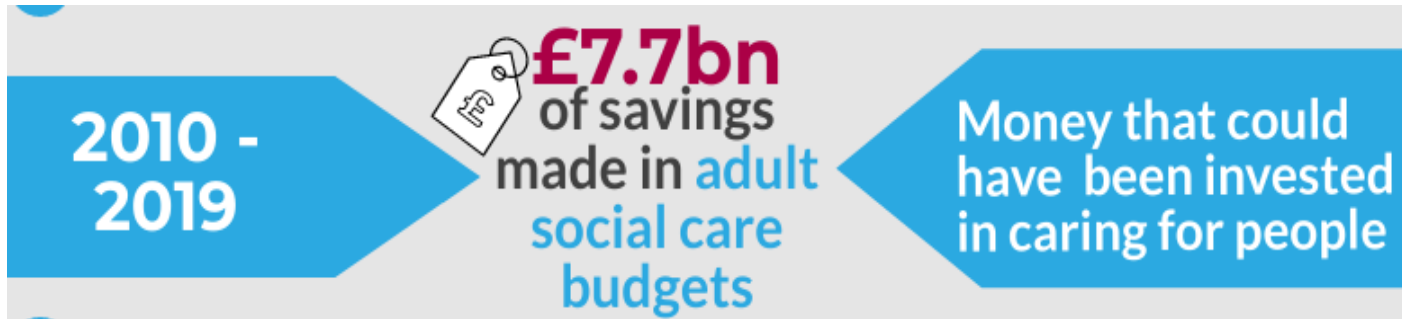
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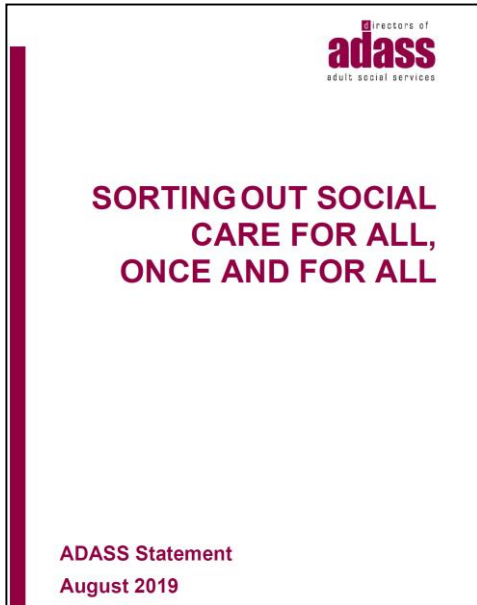
Iain MacBeath, ADASS Honorary Treasurer
& Director of Adult Care Services, Hertfordshire CC

Financial headlines from the 2019 Budget Survey



- **£700m** savings from ASC budgets 2019/20.
- ASC as a proportion of overall LA budgets has fallen from 37.8% in 2018/19 to 37.4% 2019/20.

What did we ask for from the 2019 Spending Round?



For 2020/21:

- Short-term funding- £3.25bn
- Continuation of BCF/iBCF
- To prevent further breakdown of essential care & support

Spending Round 2019- The reality

- Provided us with about 50% of what we asked for in 2020/21.
- However, this figure relies upon every council taking the adult social care precept at the 2% maximum; and
- The social care support grant being split evenly between adults and children's social care.
- **Still an over-reliance on time limited/short-term grants** to deliver balanced budgets for ASC.



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What do we want from the Spending Review?

- **Certainty about funding-** next Government must use Spending Review to ensure social care system has the funding it needs across full five years of next Parliament.
- **Long-term reform-** bring forward and agree meaningful reform of the social care funding system.
- **A long-term plan for adult social care-** that sets out a clear vision for social care, enables the system to deliver the principles of the Care Act and serves as a three-way contract between Government, the public and the sector.

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National Children and Adult Services Conference

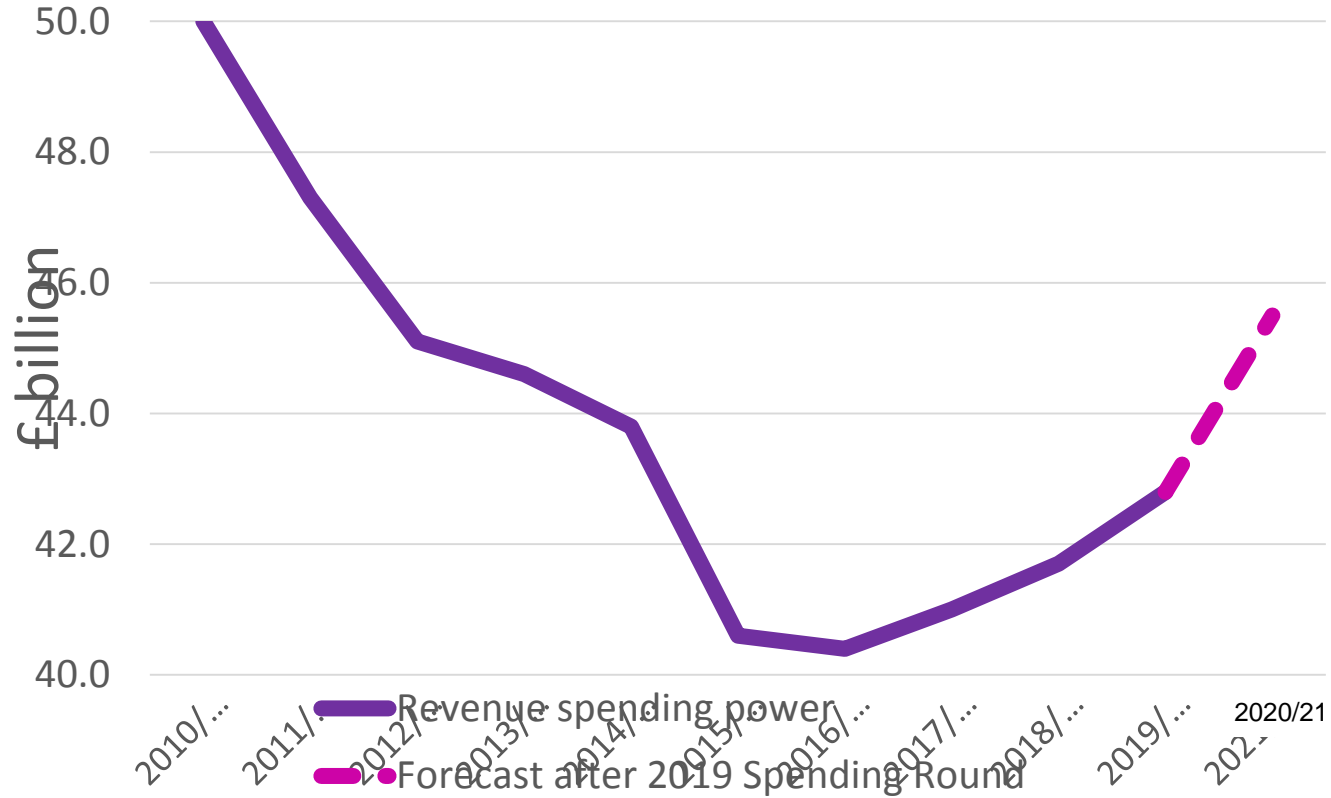
Sarah Pickup

Deputy Chief Executive, Local Government Association

20 November 2019

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Councils' annual cost pressures

	Average annual cost pressures
Adult social care	£1.2 billion
Children's services (excludes SEND pressures)	£0.7 billion
Homelessness	£0.1 billion
Public health	£0.1 billion
Other services	£0.4 billion
TOTAL	£2.5 billion
