Adult social care spending in England

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Key announcements on social care

Additional funding for social care in England

- £1 billion in 2017-18, £0.7 billion in 2018-19, £0.3 billion in 2019-20
- Compares to £24.4 billion spent on LA-organised social care in 2015-16, or £16.4 billion on adult social care
- Increase in 2017-18 equivalent to 6.1% of 2015-16 adult social care spend

Smoother profile of money already allocated for social care

Unclear whether ‘ring-fenced’ spending will be spent on social care

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Proportional use of funds for adult social care

2.8% cut between 2016-17 and 2019-20

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Post-budget
Proportional use of funds for adult social care

7.5% cut between 2009-10 and 2016-17

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£ billion (2016-17 prices)
All additional funding goes to social care

8.9% increase between 2016-17 and 2019-20

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10.9% increase between 2016-17 and 2019-20

Adult social care spending in England

£ billion (2016-17 prices)
Tradeoffs between adult social care and other service spending

Real cuts to adult social care spending (2016-17 to 2019-20)

Real cuts to other local service spending (2016-17 to 2019-20)
Tradeoffs between adult social care and other service spending

2.1% cut in social care
= 2.1% cut in other service spending

Real cuts to other local service spending (2016-17 to 2019-20)

Real cuts to adult social care spending (2016-17 to 2019-20)
Tradeoffs between adult social care and other service spending

10.9% rise in social care = 10.4% cut in other service spending

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Real cuts to adult social care spending (2016-17 to 2019-20) vs. Real cuts to other local service spending (2016-17 to 2019-20)
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Pre-budget

Post-budget

Additional LA funds reduce trade off
Conclusions

New temporary funding for adult social care before pre-announced funding becomes available

Possible social care spending in 2019-20 broadly unchanged

Level of spending is sensitive to Local Authority decisions

Distribution between local authorities will be announced shortly, will matter a lot