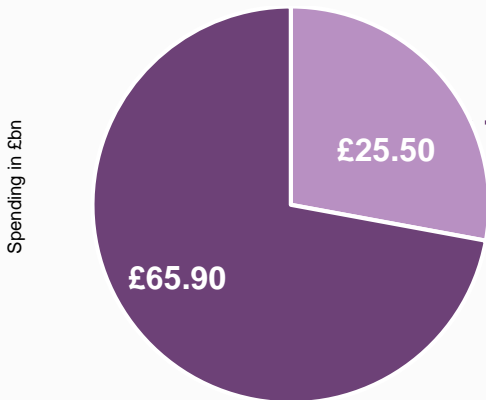




28%

of Local Authorities' budgets goes towards funding social care



This is split into adult social care and children's social care.

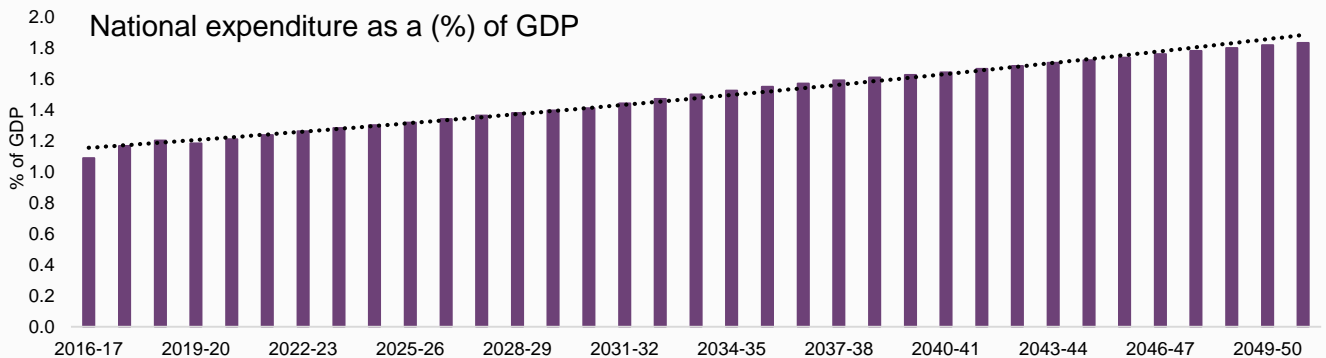
£16.1 billion

was spent on **adult social care** in 2018-19

■ Social Care ■ Other local authority spending

Source: MCLG, 2018

The demand for adult social care is expected to rise




Fact: In the next 30 years, the UK's spend on adult social care will increase from 1.2% to 1.8% of GDP

Government funding for local authorities fell by


↓ 49.1% between 2010-11 to 2017-18

This has resulted in a

↓ 3.0% real-terms reduction in local authority spending on social care services

 Source: National Audit Office, 2018



 Source: The Health Foundation, 2019

Funding has been piecemeal and the long-awaited Social Care Green Paper continues to be delayed

- NOV 2015** ————— ○ **£3.5 billion by 2019/20**

 - Improved Better Care Fund (£1.5 billion)
 - New Social Care Precept (2 per cent of council tax)
- DEC 2016** ————— ○ **£900 million in 2017/18 and 2018/19**

 - Increase of the Social Care Precept to 3 per cent of council tax in 2017-18 and 2018-19.
 - New Adult Social Care Support Grant (£241.1 million in 2017/18)
- MARCH 2017** ————— ○ **£2 billion funding from 2017/18 to 2019/20 through the Better Care Fund.**
- FEB 2018** ————— ○ **£150 million in 2018/19 for the Adult Social Care Support Grant.**
- OCT 2018** ————— ○ **Additional funding through:**

 - £240 million in 2018/19 and £240 million in 2019/20 for help local authorities ease winter pressures.
 - £410 million Social Care Support Grant for local authorities to support adult and children's social care services.

Spending Round 2019

Announced further short-term funding

£1bn adult and children's social care

£0.5bn 2 per cent Adult Social Care precept (subject to consultation)

 Source: House of Commons Library, 2019; HM Treasury, 2019



[Social care: A prefunded solution](#), Reform's report on social care argues that a Later Life Care Found could help deliver a sustainable funding system for the future.

