

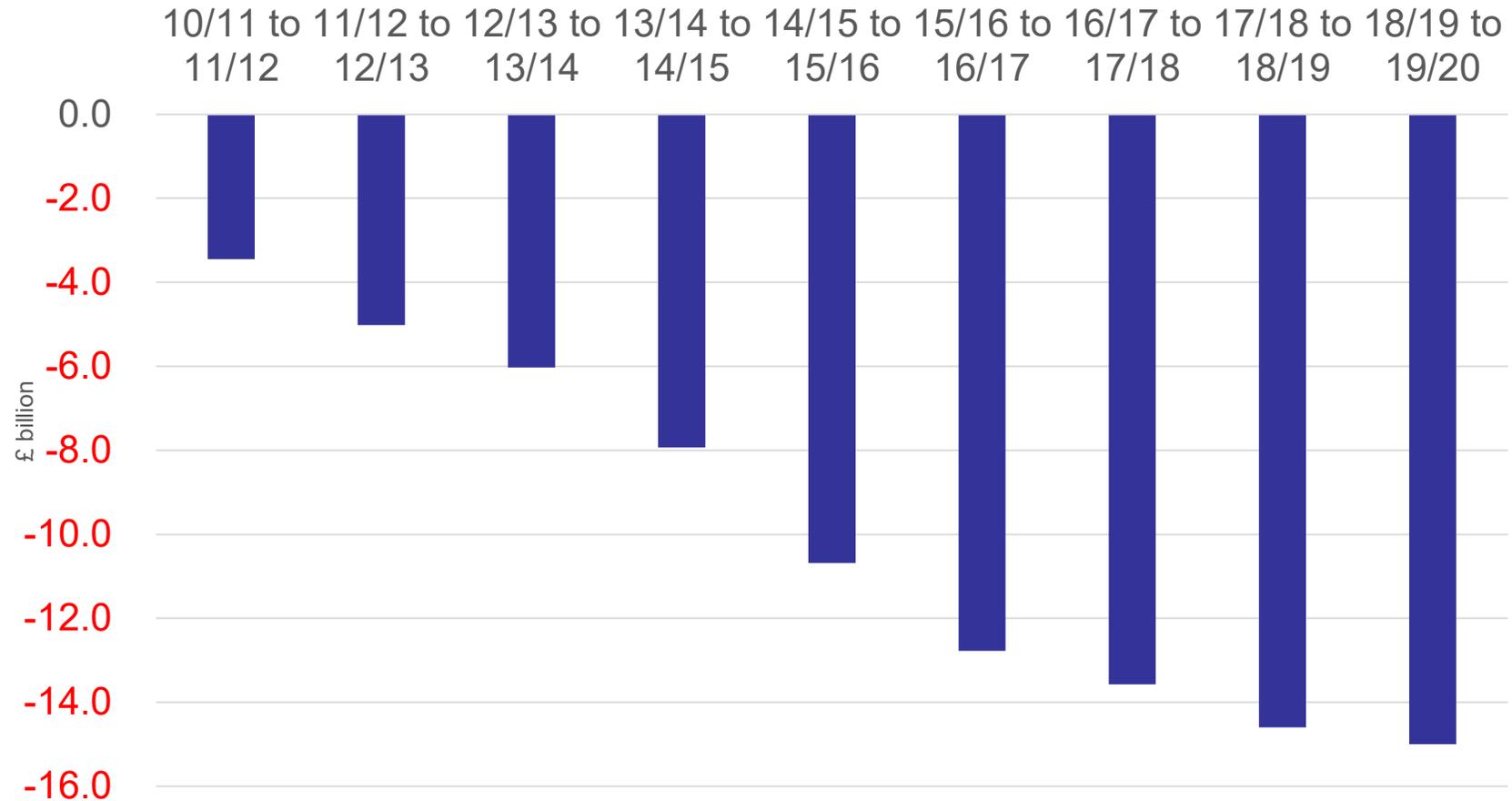
Children's services funding – setting the wider context

Councillor Roy Perry

Vice Chairman, LGA Children and Young
People Board

Council's loss of core government funding £15 billion

Reduction in core government funding, £bn



Councils have responded by demonstrating that local government remains the most efficient part of the public sector, e.g:

- More than 550 examples of councils sharing services, with an estimated saving of nearly £1 billion.
- The number of people directly employed by local government has fallen by 878,000 over the last 10 years (30 per cent of the council workforce), whilst central government staffing has increased by 15 per cent.
- Council maintained schools continue to outperform academies in every part of the country.

The 2018 Budget provided some additional funding, but mostly one-off

£240 million in both 2018/19 and 2019/20 for adult social care

A further **£410 million** in 2019/20 for adults and children's social care

£420 million for potholes in 2018/19

£84 million on children's social care over 5 years, for up to 20 councils

£55 million additional Disabled Facilities grant for 2019/20

The funding gap remains at £7.8 billion by 2025

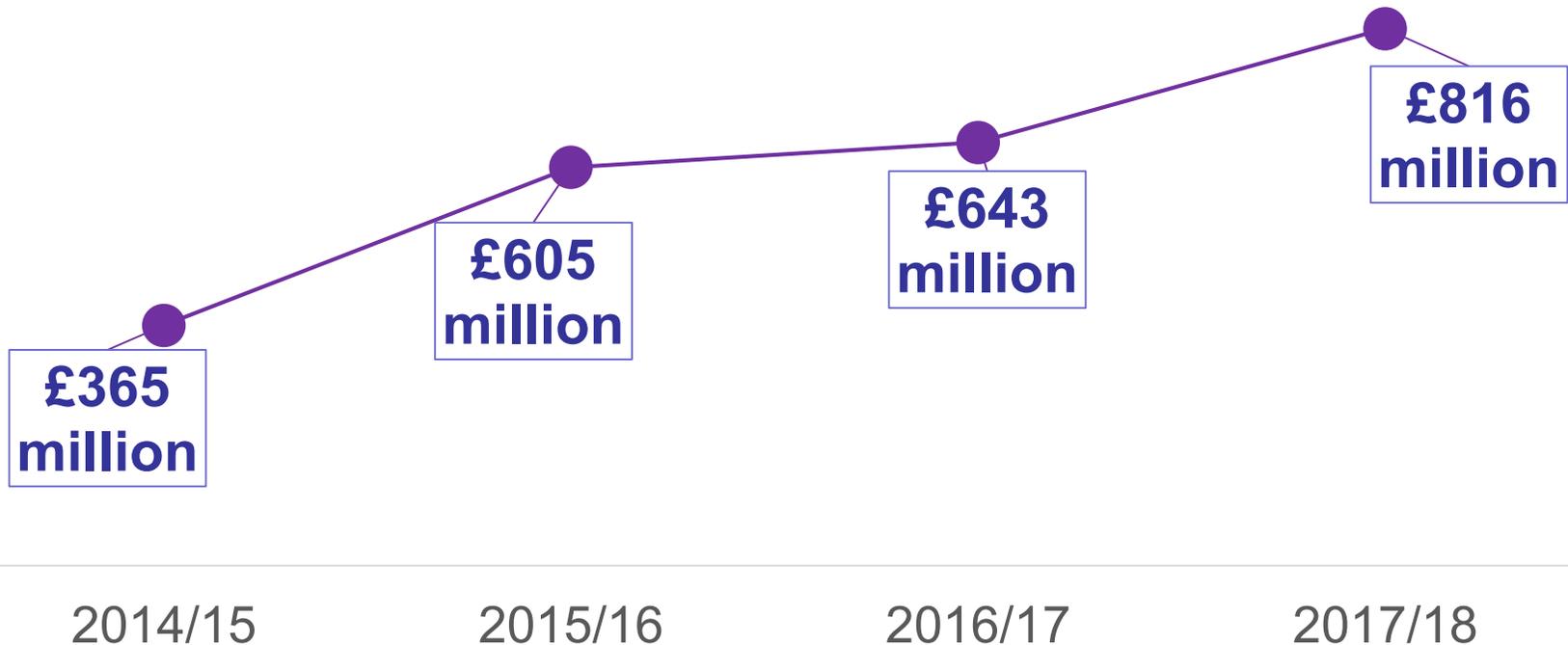
	2024/25
Adult social care (including pressure to stabilise the adult social care provider market)	3.6
Children's services	3.0
Homelessness	0.4
Public Health	0.6
All other services funded through core spending power	0.2
Total funding gap (rounded)	7.8

Spend on children's social care is increasing faster than any other area of council business

- Councils spent £8.8 billion on children's social care in 2017/18, an increase of 4.3 per cent (nearly £370 million) on the previous year.
 - This is a higher proportional increase than any other area of council spending.
 - Looked-after children is the single biggest pressure on children's social care budgets, and accounts for 47 per cent (£4 billion) of overall spending on children's services.
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Councils are increasingly struggling to balance their books on children's social care

Children's social care: the growing gap between budget and spend in England



The LGA has campaigned strongly on children's services funding over the past year



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A joint letter to Government



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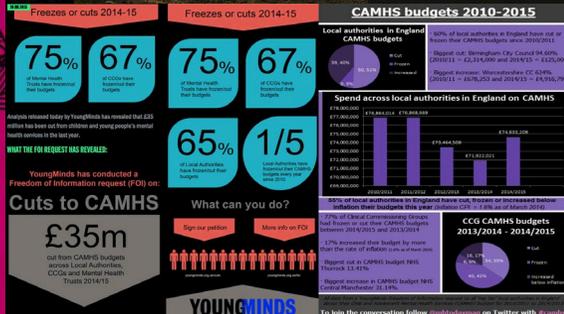
"We need to develop a system that says yes, rather than no, to children when they ask for help."

- Roy Perry, Local Government Association children and young people board

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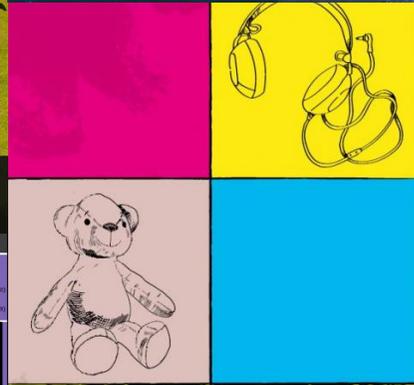
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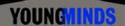


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Government funding for the Early Intervention Grant has been cut by almost **£500 million** since 2013 and is projected to drop by a further **£183 million** by 2020

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Looking ahead to the 2019 Spending Review



Work is already underway

Our early focus is on:

- Providing an updated funding gap
- Proving local government is a good investment – efficiency and savings elsewhere
- Further explaining variation
- Liaising with sector, SIGs, government departments

Our overall priorities will be:

- Children's Services
 - Adult Social Care
 - Housing and homelessness
 - And more – welcome your thoughts
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