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## This report looks at the following areas:

- Social worker pressures starting to lead to wider industry issues
- Early intervention services have been most affected by spending cuts, contributing to a rise in children in care

The increase in expenditure between 2014 and 2018 was effectively stimulated by an increase in the number of children requiring social care.

However, the LGA has estimated that English councils will face a £3 billion funding gap by 2025 with many services having already been stripped back or shut down. Over 1,000 children's centres have closed since 2009, while 760 youth centres have shut since 2012.



"Although spending in the industry has risen as a whole, it has failed to keep up with growing demand for services. Alongside rising demand, there has been a reduction in funding for early intervention services. This has highlighted the increasing need for additional finances and for local authorities to ensure that children are protected and placed in the most suitable environments at all times."

– Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

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