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“As local authorities restrict their spending, a large number of services could be subject to further cuts - including those listed as ‘priority services’, such as children’s services and social care. This could occur even though the number of children in care has reached a record high.”

– **Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst**

This report looks at the following areas:

- What are the key determinants driving the industry?
- Have there been any structural changes as a result of external economic factors?
- How has the government influenced and shaped the development of the sector?
- What are the key issues the UK industry needs to address to improve efficiency and performance?
- What does the future hold for the UK children’s social care industry?

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Further Sources and Contacts

Trade associations

Association of Directors of Children's Services Ltd (ADCS)

CoramBAAF Academy of Adoption and Fostering

Independent Children's Homes Association (ICHA)

Nasen

Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers (NAFP)

National Children's Bureau (NCB)

National Portage Association

Trade magazines

Child Care (Monthly)

Children & Young People Now (Fortnightly)

Social Work News (Quarterly)

Who Cares? (Quarterly)

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Community Care Live Manchester 2018

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2018

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