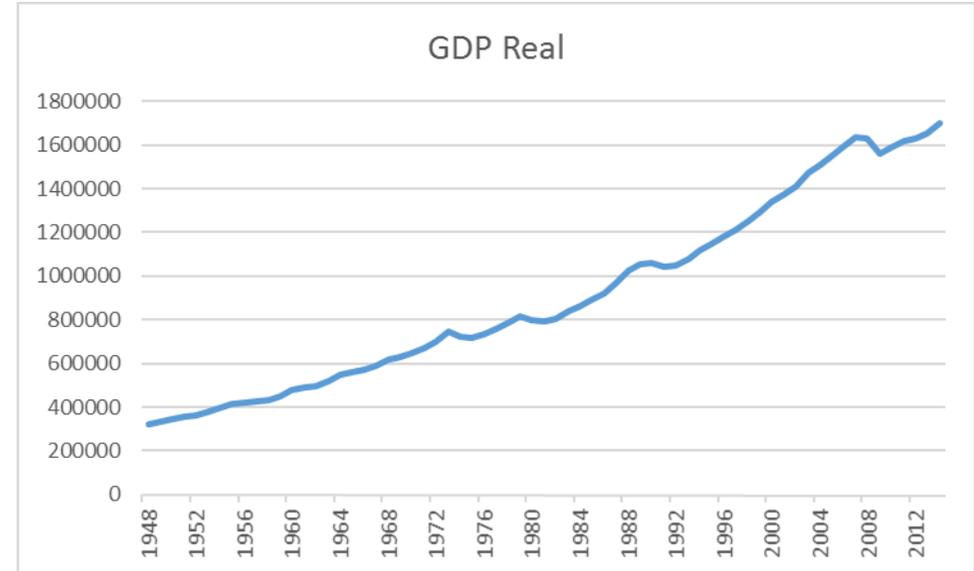


# Cuts to Adult Care Services

What's Happening & Why It Matters

# The Growth of Welfare

- During the post war period, both the population and economic productivity (GDP) have grown.
- As productivity has risen faster than the population, this has enabled a proportionately greater expenditure on welfare.
- Until now ...

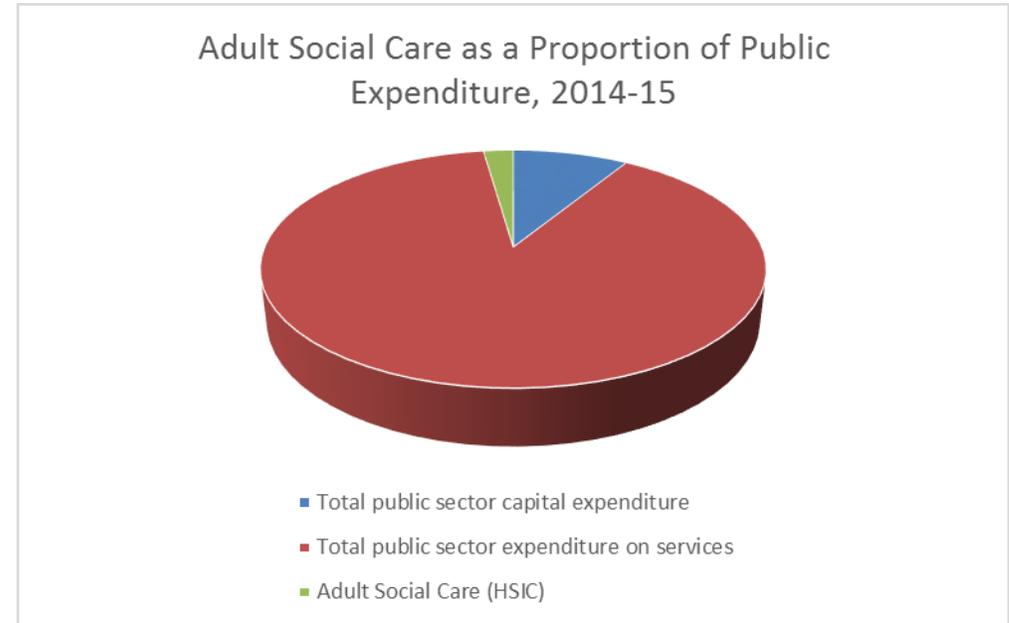


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# Spending on Adult Social Care

- In 2014-15, expenditure on adult social care was just over £17 billion. This is roughly 2.3% of public expenditure in total.
- For comparison in the same year, we spent 107 billion on health, £53 billion on education and £38 billion on defence.
- However whilst spending on health is going up, spending on care is still going down.

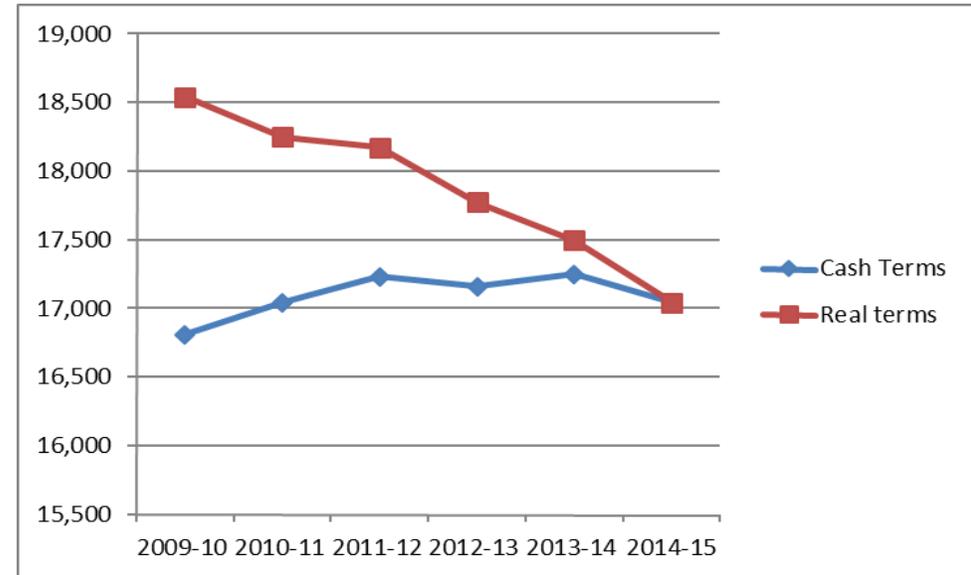


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# Cuts to Social Care Expenditure

- In real terms, spending has been falling year-on-year since the recession in 2008.
- Central government has announced that it intends to halve the amount it gives to local authorities from £11.5 billion in 2015-16 to 5.4 billion in 2019-20.
- Most experts agree that spending will continue to fall.

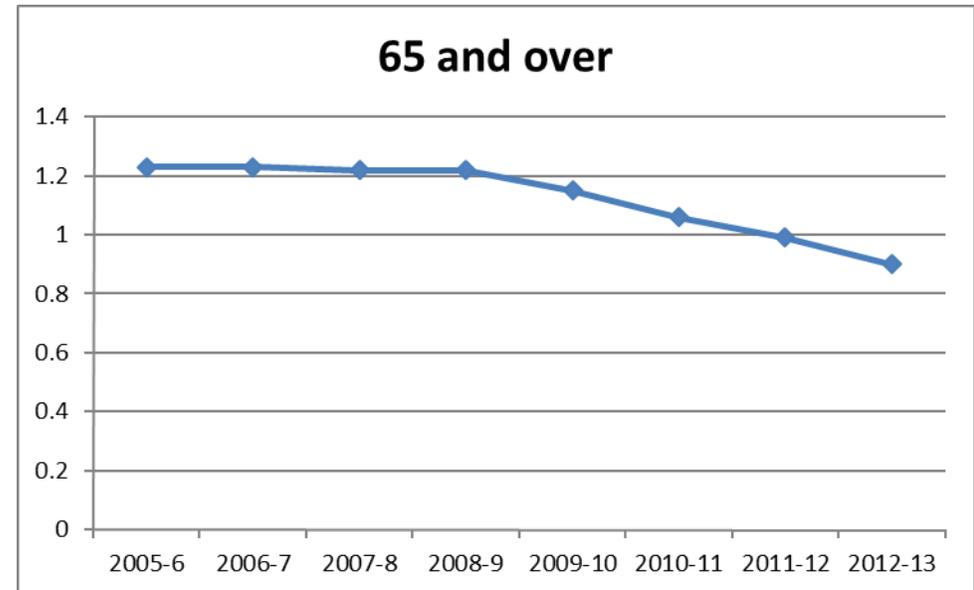


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# Reductions in Numbers of Social Care Users

- The largest 'care group' numerically is older adults.
- Over the past five years, we have seen around a 1/3 reduction of older adults being assessed as eligible for publicly funded services.



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- National Audit Office (2014) Adult social care in England: overview

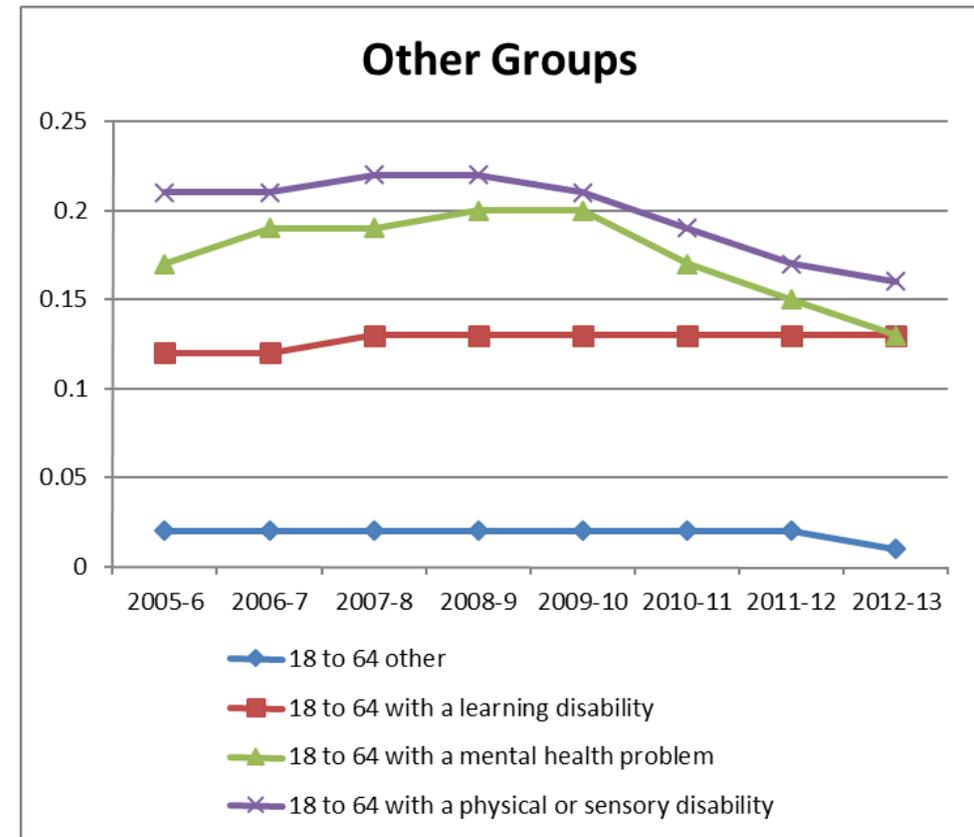
# Reductions in Numbers of Social Care Users

- The same trend is visible in other groups of people.
- It's also important to bear in mind that the level of need in many groups is rising.

“Need for care is rising while public spending is falling, and there is unmet need.” NAO 2014:11

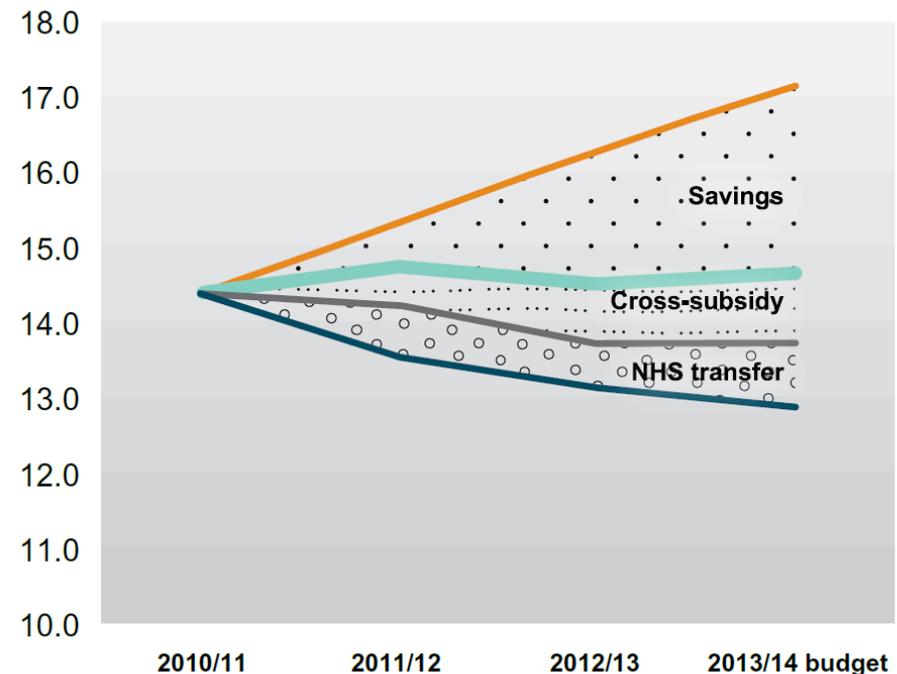
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# Reductions in Levels of Service

- As well as the large reductions in the **number of people** who qualify for social care, there have been significant cuts to the **support available** to those who do qualify.
- Although there have been increases in cross-subsidies from the NHS and other things Councils do, they have not eliminated the need for cuts.



Source image:

- Local Government Association & Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (2014) Adult social care funding: 2014 state of the nation report, Fig. 3 p.11

# The Cuts in Oxfordshire

- In 2014-15 Oxfordshire County Council published a '4 year plan' for how it would make savings.
- This involved reducing expenditure on adult social care from £214 million in 2014-15 to £200 million on 2017-18.
- Last year, they found they would have to make an additional £50 million of savings in the overall budget by 2019-20. In November, they proposed to take a further £10 million from the budget in 2016-17.
- The share of the cuts allocated to adult social care for one year was £21 million, or about 10% in one year.

# The Cuts in Oxfordshire

**Total: £ 21,024,052**

# Are People Dying?

- We already know that hundreds of thousands of people are being left without the care and support they need.
- Provisional figures released in February have shown a 5.4% increase in mortality, the largest since 1968. This is equivalent to 27,000 extra deaths a year.
- Many experts are linking this to cuts in social care.

“I suspect the largest factor here is cuts to social services - to meals on wheels, to visits to the elderly.”

Professor Danny Dorling  
Oxford University

- Source: West, D. (2016) Rocketing death rate provokes calls for national investigation. Health Service Journal 15/2/2016