

Cat Smith responds to Association of Young People's Health 2017 report

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Smith MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs, commenting on the Association of Young People's Health 2017 report, said:

"Labour welcomes this report showing positive downward trends in teenage pregnancy and substance use.

"However, the Tories are short-changing young people when it comes to their mental health. It is completely unacceptable that only 0.7 per cent of NHS funding is spent on young people's mental health while 11 per cent of the NHS budget is spent on mental health services overall.

"I urge this Government to end their distorted austerity agenda, which is hitting young people disproportionately, and start promoting youth-friendly health services."