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Barbara Keeley MP,

Labour's Shadow Minister for Social Care and Mental Health, commenting on reports of funding for social care in the forthcoming budget, said:

"Reports of any additional money for social care are of course welcome, but the reality is that it is the Tories who have spent the last 7 years cutting billions from council budgets. This has meant the loss of £5 billion for adult social care.

"Labour is calling on the government to put £2 billion into the budget for social care. There is also an urgent need for a longer-term funding plan to get

social care out of the current crisis and on to a more stable footing"

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