<u>Local government cuts risk health</u> <u>service crisis - Andrew Gwynne MP</u>

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Andrew Gwynne MP,

responding to revelations that around one third of councils in England have been forced to cut services delivering contraceptive care as a result of cuts to public funding, said:

"Seven years of

government funding cuts to services are driving councils to the financial brink.

"Continuing this

neglect risks creating a crisis not only in local government but also in our health service.

"At a time when the

country needs fresh ideas and leadership, it is instead suffering from the weakest and most divided government in memory."

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