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Gwynne MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government,

commenting on the National Children's Bureau's survey of local councillors responsible for children's services, which has revealed that rising demand and

a lack of resources are leaving children's needs unmet, said:

"The pressures facing children's services are unsustainable, with a combination of Government funding cuts and huge increases in demand leaving many authorities struggling to cope.

"The Government urgently needs to get a grip of the crisis facing children's social services, as the £2 billion funding gap facing these services by 2020 threatens to put more children at risk."