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Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, commenting on the findings of Sir Michael Marmot, said:

"The slowing rate of life expectancy improvement since 2010 is an alarming revelation which reflects this Government's failings to improve the health of our nation.

"Sir Michael Marmot rightly raises his concerns around inadequate health and social care funding, especially compared with other Western European countries. Theresa May's sustained underfunding of our health service is clearly damaging life chances of the most vulnerable in our society.

"The next Labour Government will ensure our health and care system is properly funded so our children are given the best possible start in life, and older people are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve."