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Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Social Care, commenting on the Government's announcement that they will publish a Green Paper on the long term funding of social care by summer 2018, said: "This complacent Tory Government is dragging its feet over the long term funding of social care at a time when the system is creaking under winter pressures. "Scandalously, on this trajectory it will have taken a year to publish this Green Paper from the date it was announced and will be even longer before we have a clear policy from the Government. "Alarmingly, it also does not appear that the Green Paper will consult on working age people with social care needs. "Given the current crisis in social care, the Tory Government must take immediate action to find a long-term solution to the social care crisis it has created."