

# Tories need to act on resounding verdict of CMA & end cuts to local authority budgets – Barbara Keeley

**Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Social Care,**

commenting on a report from the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), which has found that the current system for providing social care is not sustainable without additional funding, said:

“The Tory Government needs to act on the resounding verdict of the Competition and Markets Authority and end their swingeing cuts to local authority budgets, which have caused underfunding and instability in the social care sector since 2010.

“Due to these cuts, £6.3 billion will have been lost from social care budgets by March next year. This has meant less publicly funded care for those in need, increased pressure on unpaid family carers and worse conditions for hard-pressed care staff.

“The Tory Government must now make clear how they will enact the will of the House of Commons to meet the funding gap for social care and act on the recommendations of the CMA so that the rights of self-funders are protected.