

## Pass the parcel

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Children posted around the care system

DECEMBER 2019



## Private provision in children's social care

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November 2020

## Unregulated

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Children in care living in semi-independent accommodation

September 2020

## Stability index 2020

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Technical report

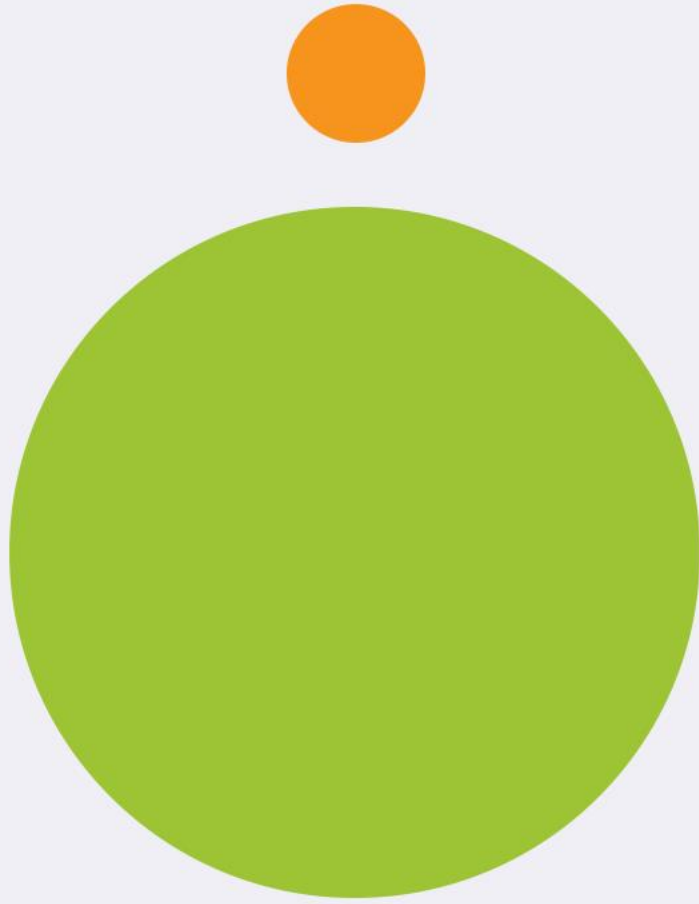
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““ We do not get to sleep over at our friend's house without a lot of checks which I think is ridiculous because it is not very necessary to get a check from a friend that you have known for a long time. It also invades your privacy if you do not want people knowing your business ””

““ It's not right that young people get shipped off – out of their area – with no notice or explanation ””

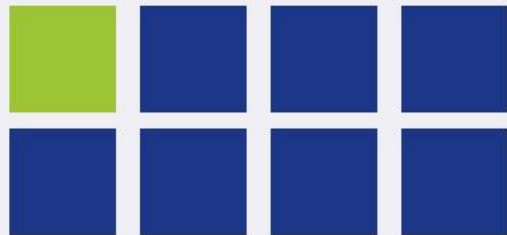
““ There are lots of constraints which friends who live with their families don't seem to have ””

““ Having to move out on your 18th birthday (when in semi-independence) is absolutely unacceptable. Whilst all my friends will be partying, I will be packing my bags to leave my home ””



**80,000**  
children are in care

**400,000**  
children have a social worker



**1 in 8** children will have a social worker  
at some point in their lives

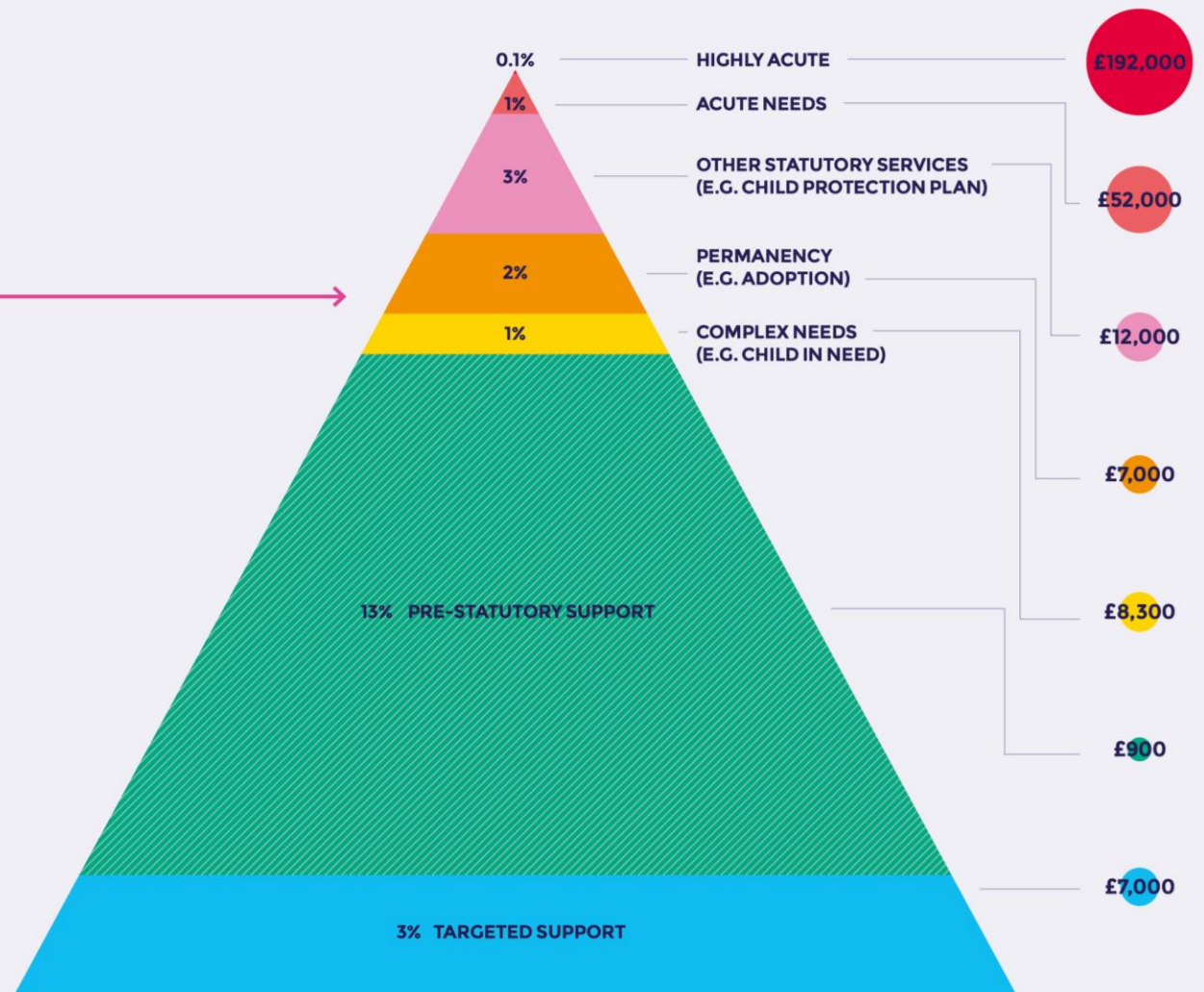
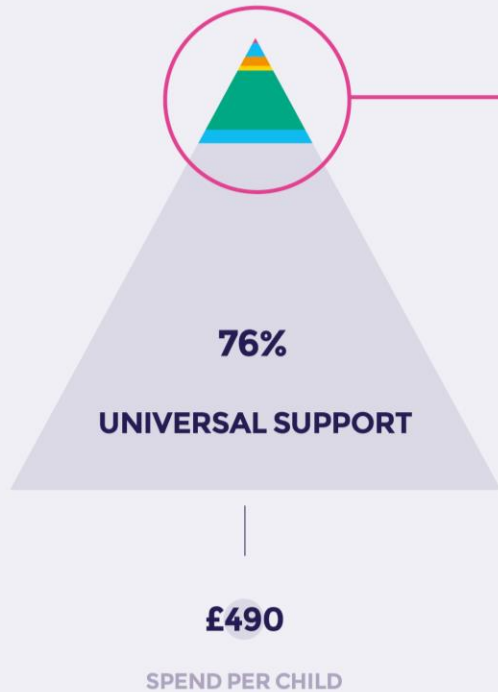
## **Funding for Children's Social Care**

£9.9bn was spent on children's social care in 2018/19

That is:

- 70% higher - in real terms – than social care spending in 2000
- Expected to be 16% lower – in real terms – in 2020 than in 2010
- £800m more than councils had budgeted for

**Children's social care is estimated to need an additional £3-4bn a year over the next four years to maintain current services**



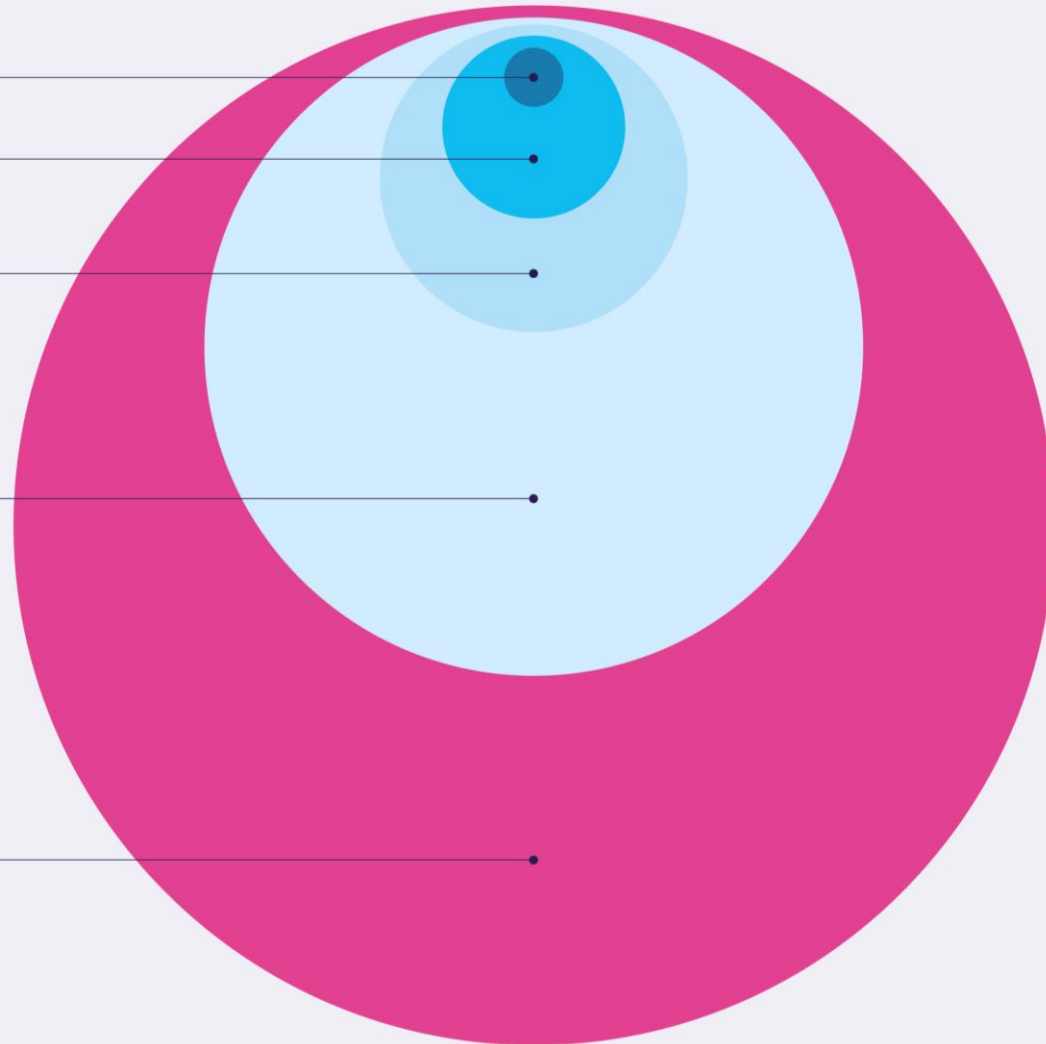
Intensive statutory support:  
**128,000**

Other Children in Need:  
**269,000**

Other children supported  
through Troubled Families:  
**271,000**

Other children known to children's  
services (level of support unclear):  
**761,000**

'Invisible' to children's services:  
**829,000**



# The care review needs to:

- 1 Learn from what we know works, and look to embed this across the social care system
- 2 Recognise the importance of families
- 3 Hardwire permanence and stability into everyday decision making
- 4 Consider 'packages' of support for families or children in care: health, housing, education and finance
- 5 Look at the relative role of local and national Government, and consider a National Care System
- 6 Consider how we invest in preventative services while maintaining intensive interventions
- 7 Fundamentally empower children in the care system by giving them agency over the decisions made about their lives
- 8 Focus on outcomes not process