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REVEALED:

- **66% increase in over 90 year olds arriving at A&E – 110,000 extra patients**
- **Cuts to council Adult Social Care budgets now total £1.8 billion since the election**

Huge cuts to council social care budgets are leaving older people and their families without the care they need. Without this daily support, increasing numbers face no alternative but to turn to A&E departments.

Labour would invest £1.2 billion of the NHS underspend - which Jeremy Hunt handed back to the Treasury - over the next two years to ease the crisis in social care and tackle this root cause of the pressure on A&E.

Rise in elderly patients arriving at A&E

Official NHS Hospital Episode Statistics¹ reveal a hugely disproportionate increase in the numbers of elderly people arriving at A&E in ambulances in the first two years of this Government.

The most recent data, for the year 2011-12, shows a 66% increase in over 90 year olds arriving at A&E compared to Labour's last year – an extra 110,000 patients. A&Es saw a 19% rise in attendances from over 80 years olds too – 121,000 patients.

Age group	2009/10	2011/12	% change 2009/10 to 2011/12
0-9	273,207	263,687	-3.50%
10-11	346,527	278,557	-19.60%
20-29	413,346	449,675	8.80%
30-39	361,469	367,277	1.60%
40-49	404,799	435,371	7.60%
50-59	347,329	390,456	12.40%
60-69	395,486	435,698	10.20%
70-79	562,854	601,637	6.90%
80-89	635,834	757,555	19.10%
90+	165,910	275,883	66.30%
Unknown	18,158	1,088	
Total	3,924,919	4,256,884	8.50%

¹ Hospital Episodes Statistics <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/hes>

Cuts to council care budgets

Figures from the House of Commons Library reveal year on year real terms cuts to local authority Adult Social Care budgets across England, now totalling £1.8 billion since the election.

£000s	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Total Expenditure (including DH funds directed via PCTs)	14,902,492	14,439,270	15,353,842	15,173,007
Projected Real Terms Expenditure if 2009/10 figures increased in line with GDP	14,902,492	15,306,968	15,622,862	15,825,959
Real Terms Cut		867,698	269,020	652,952