

## Demand pressures push up funding needs for children's and young people's services

LaingBuisson has published the fourth edition of its Children's Services UK market report. This respected report provides a vital barometer of the state of the market and is invaluable reading for providers, advisors, investors, commissioners and anyone with an interest in social care or special education for children and young people.

With a focus on the key market trends and opportunities, the report shines a light on the main sectors making up this market, including special education, foster care, adoption, children's residential care, leaving care, safeguarding, guardianship and other services and estimates the UK market for these services combined at £15.4bn.

Spending on children's services grew in real terms by 4.4% in England alone over the past five years and demand pressures are such that 2018/19 local authority budgets suggested a pick up in spending of over 4%.

Nevertheless, there are concerns about a funding gap opening up as demand for services for children and young people continues to grow strongly. The past five years has seen the number of children in care in the UK grow by 9% (28% over the past ten years). In particular, there has been a growth in demand for care for children with more complex and multi-layered needs.



Participation of the independent sector is greatest in special education, residential care and fostering. The strength that the independent sector brings to bear in these settings is the provision of appropriate services for more vulnerable children and young people, and the capacity to innovate and deliver new developments. These strengths will be key in ensuring high quality, affordable services are available even as the funding landscape remains challenging.

### Who is the report for

- Children's residential home providers
- Fostering agencies
- Adoption agencies
- Special education providers
- Local authority commissioners
- Directors of Children's Services
- Investors, banks and other financial institutions

### What the report covers

- Overview of Children in Care
    - Foster Care
    - Children's Homes
    - Adoption
  - Leaving Care Support
  - Special Education
  - Spending and policy issues
  - Quality & Regulation of Services
  - Independent Sector Market Structure
  - Types of providers
  - Market rankings
  - Revenues, profitability, balance sheet
  - Growth and consolidation trends
  - Private equity concentration
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Categories include:

- Residential Care
- Specialist Care
- Supported Living
- Homecare
- Housing with Care
- Children’s Services

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