

# Lead Member for Children's Services Councillors Poll



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# Methodology

## Fieldwork Dates

2nd October- 23rd October 2017

## Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via telephone interview.

## Population Sampled

All Lead members for child services Councillors in England

## Sample Size

101

## Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of LMCS Councillors in England. Data were weighted by political party and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from council websites.

## Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 101 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 5.94% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

## Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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**Table 1**  
**Q1. Confirm region**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode			
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
South East	14 13.9%	7 17.1%	6 10.6%	3 15.6%	4 28.2%	5 14.9%	1 3.4%	1 35.9%	11 23.4%	3 6.7%	-	-	-	-	-	14 100.0%	-	-	-	-	3 9.8%	11 15.4%
East of England	8 8.2%	4 10.6%	4 6.7%	-	2 12.8%	2 8.0%	3 11.6%	1 31.9%	6 13.2%	2 4.4%	-	8 100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 6.2%	7 8.9%
North West	15 14.4%	3 8.4%	11 18.5%	2 8.7%	2 12.0%	5 15.8%	6 20.3%	-	2 3.9%	13 24.6%	-	-	-	-	15 100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	2 8.7%	12 16.5%
East Midlands	6 5.7%	3 7.3%	3 4.7%	-	-	3 9.3%	3 10.3%	-	6 12.7%	-	-	-	6 100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 5.2%	4 5.9%
South West	11 10.7%	6 14.6%	5 8.4%	2 11.5%	2 15.9%	3 9.3%	3 10.9%	-	8 18.5%	1 1.3%	2 47.3%	-	-	-	-	-	11 100.0%	-	-	3 10.5%	8 10.8%	
Yorkshire and The Humber	10 9.4%	2 3.9%	8 13.1%	-	2 11.5%	6 20.8%	2 5.5%	-	3 7.5%	6 11.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 100.0%	2 5.6%	8 10.9%	
West Midlands	9 8.8%	6 14.5%	3 5.2%	1 4.2%	2 12.4%	2 5.0%	3 11.7%	1 32.3%	4 9.6%	4 7.5%	1 17.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 100.0%	-	2 8.5%	7 8.9%	
North East	8 7.5%	3 7.2%	5 7.8%	2 10.3%	1 7.1%	2 6.1%	3 10.2%	-	-	8 14.6%	-	-	-	8 100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 6.9%	6 7.7%
London	22 21.3%	6 16.3%	15 24.9%	9 49.6%	-	3 10.8%	5 16.2%	-	5 11.2%	15 29.2%	1 34.8%	-	-	22 100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 38.6%	11 14.9%
SIGMA	101 100.0%	39 100.0%	61 100.0%	18 100.0%	13 100.0%	31 100.0%	28 100.0%	3 100.0%	45 100.0%	52 100.0%	4 100.0%	8 100.0%	6 100.0%	22 100.0%	8 100.0%	15 100.0%	14 100.0%	11 100.0%	9 100.0%	10 100.0%	27 100.0%	74 100.0%

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**Table 2**  
**Q2. Confirm political party**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode			
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
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Conservative	45	24	21	4	7	17	14	3	45	-	-	6	6	5	-	2	11	8	4	3	8	37
	44.7%	62.0%	34.1%	23.9%	52.4%	56.0%	49.1%	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	72.1%	100.0%	23.4%	-	12.1%	75.2%	77.1%	48.5%	35.6%	29.3%	50.4%
Labour	52	14	38	13	6	13	12	-	-	52	-	2	-	15	8	13	3	1	4	6	18	35
	51.6%	34.9%	61.6%	72.9%	43.1%	42.1%	43.8%	-	-	100.0%	-	27.9%	-	70.5%	100.0%	87.9%	24.8%	6.3%	43.9%	64.4%	63.7%	47.0%
Another Party	4	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	2
	3.8%	3.1%	4.3%	3.3%	4.5%	1.9%	7.2%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	6.2%	-	-	-	16.6%	7.7%	-	7.0%	2.6%
SIGMA	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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**Table 3**  
**Q3. Thinking about the last 2 years, that is since [October 2015], would you say that the demand for children's services in your local authority has**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode				
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
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Generally increased	87	35	51	18	7	27	26	3	37	47	3	6	4	22	8	13	12	9	8	6	27	60
	86.6%	90.2%	84.1%	96.7%	50.6%	87.2%	93.9%	100.0%	81.7%	91.0%	84.2%	69.1%	75.0%	100.0%	100.0%	89.0%	87.0%	81.1%	90.3%	66.1%	100.0%	81.6%
Generally decreased	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	1.6%	-	2.6%	-	12.0%	-	-	-	-	3.1%	-	-	-	-	11.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2%
Stayed about the same	10	3	7	1	4	4	1	-	7	2	1	3	1	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	10	
	10.1%	7.6%	11.9%	3.3%	30.9%	12.8%	3.0%	-	16.4%	4.3%	15.8%	30.9%	25.0%	-	-	6.8%	18.9%	-	33.9%	-	13.9%	
I have not been a lead member/ a councillor long enough	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	
	1.7%	2.2%	1.4%	-	6.5%	-	3.1%	-	1.9%	1.7%	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	-	9.7%	-	-	2.4%	
SIGMA	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 4

**Q4. You said that you thought that the demand for children's services in your local authority had generally increased over the last 12 months. Why do you think that is the case?**

**Base : Demand for children's services in your local authority has Generally increased**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode				
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Unweighted Total	87	37	49	16	8	27	27	3	37	46	4	7	3	14	8	16	13	12	10	4	26	61
Weighted Total	87	35	51	18	7	27	26	3	37	47	3	6	4	22	8	13	12	9	8	6	27	60
Changes in legislation	14	7	6	2	-	5	5	-	6	7	1	-	1	6	1	-	3	-	1	2	12	2
	15.5%	18.4%	12.1%	13.9%	-	18.0%	20.6%	-	15.6%	13.7%	41.4%	-	33.3%	28.8%	12.5%	-	22.1%	-	9.7%	24.4%	43.4%	2.8%
Changes in national Government policy/guidance	18	7	10	5	-	4	9	-	7	10	1	2	1	6	2	3	2	1	-	2	14	4
	21.1%	21.1%	19.8%	28.2%	-	15.0%	32.5%	-	20.0%	20.6%	41.4%	28.4%	33.3%	28.8%	25.0%	24.7%	15.0%	8.6%	-	24.4%	52.5%	6.8%
Changes in your local authority's policy/approach	10	2	8	2	1	4	2	-	5	5	1	1	-	2	1	-	2	2	2	3	4	6
	11.9%	6.5%	15.8%	12.8%	12.8%	15.1%	9.1%	-	13.4%	10.1%	21.2%	14.9%	-	7.0%	12.5%	-	17.3%	28.9%	51.3%	14.2%	10.8%	
Increased levels of abuse/neglect [include in this area and nationally]	21	7	14	4	-	9	4	1	9	10	2	2	3	4	-	2	2	2	2	3	12	9
	23.9%	19.9%	27.0%	23.6%	-	33.6%	16.9%	31.9%	24.1%	21.2%	60.1%	29.8%	66.7%	20.3%	-	18.5%	15.7%	24.1%	30.2%	48.7%	43.7%	14.8%
Greater awareness amongst professionals of signs of abuse/neglect [include in this area and nationally]	31	14	18	6	1	12	9	1	14	15	2	-	-	6	2	5	6	7	3	3	14	17
	35.9%	38.8%	34.5%	32.1%	14.3%	44.9%	35.7%	35.9%	38.8%	32.0%	60.1%	-	-	28.0%	25.0%	38.3%	46.4%	75.9%	38.9%	48.7%	51.1%	29.0%
Increased numbers of disabled children [include in this area and nationally]	18	5	13	7	-	5	4	-	6	10	1	1	1	7	-	2	2	3	-	2	16	2
	20.2%	13.2%	25.5%	38.7%	-	17.8%	17.1%	-	17.1%	21.3%	41.4%	14.9%	33.3%	34.3%	-	12.3%	15.0%	34.5%	-	24.4%	58.7%	2.6%
Increased levels of poverty / deprivation / hardship / more difficult to access benefits [include in this area and nationally]	44	13	30	11	2	16	10	-	8	33	3	1	-	14	6	8	5	3	4	5	23	21
	50.3%	37.5%	58.4%	62.5%	23.2%	60.5%	36.2%	-	21.1%	69.7%	100.0%	13.5%	-	63.3%	75.0%	61.7%	37.8%	30.9%	47.3%	75.6%	82.3%	35.6%
Cuts to other services for families, such as support with housing, youth services, or Sure Start centres. [include in this area and nationally]	40	14	25	11	1	9	12	-	7	30	3	3	1	15	5	6	4	2	3	-	19	20
	45.3%	38.4%	49.2%	63.4%	20.5%	33.0%	45.1%	-	18.0%	64.3%	78.8%	55.3%	33.3%	70.3%	62.5%	49.4%	30.0%	22.3%	38.9%	-	70.8%	33.7%

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**Table 4**

**Q4. You said that you thought that the demand for children's services in your local authority had generally increased over the last 12 months. Why do you think that is the case?**

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	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode		
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Weighted Total	87	35	51	18	7	27	26	3	37	47	3	6	4	22	8	13	12	9	8	6	27	60
Staff shortages [include in this area and nationally]	7 7.7%	2 6.0%	5 9.0%	3 18.1%	-	1 5.1%	2 8.1%	-	1 2.1%	4 8.5%	2 60.1%	-	-	3 13.2%	1 12.5%	1 6.2%	-	1 15.5%	1 9.7%	-	7 24.5%	-
Other	43 49.3%	20 55.6%	23 45.8%	6 32.4%	5 76.8%	12 43.8%	16 62.7%	1 32.3%	20 54.1%	21 44.7%	2 62.6%	2 43.3%	3 66.7%	9 42.1%	5 62.5%	5 37.7%	7 53.6%	5 51.8%	5 61.1%	3 48.7%	5 18.7%	38 63.3%
SIGMA	246 281.2%	91 255.4%	152 297.1%	58 325.6%	10 147.6%	77 286.8%	75 283.9%	3 100.0%	83 224.3%	145 306.2%	18 566.8%	11 200.0%	11 266.7%	72 336.2%	22 287.5%	32 248.7%	29 235.6%	25 280.9%	21 264.7%	22 346.2%	126 459.9%	120 199.4%

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**Table 5**

**Q5. You said that you thought that the demand for children's services in your local authority had generally decreased over the last 12 months. Why do you think that is the case?**

**Base : Demand for children's services in your local authority has Generally decreased**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode			
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Unweighted Total	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Weighted Total	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Changes in your local authority's policy/approach	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%
Improvements/increases in other services for families, such as support with housing, youth services, or Sure Start centres. [include in this area and nationally]	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%
Other	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 50.0%
SIGMA	2 150.0%	-	2 150.0%	-	2 150.0%	-	-	-	-	2 150.0%	-	-	-	-	2 150.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 150.0%

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**Table 6**  
**Q6. Thinking about the current financial year, that is 2017/18, to what extent do you agree or disagree that your local authority have sufficient funding to Meet statutory obligations to all children in care**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode		
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
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Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Strongly agree	35 34.5%	18 45.5%	17 27.9%	7 35.5%	5 40.2%	7 24.1%	13 46.2%	2 68.1%	21 46.1%	14 27.1%	-	4 51.5%	3 50.0%	5 21.9%	5 62.5%	4 33.5%	4 27.4%	4 35.0%	4 47.6%	2 16.1%	8 29.1%	27 36.6%
Slightly agree	25 24.6%	9 23.4%	16 25.7%	5 26.3%	2 18.8%	11 34.5%	3 10.8%	-	11 24.5%	13 24.0%	1 33.7%	1 9.3%	1 25.0%	6 28.9%	-	4 28.0%	5 33.5%	2 19.5%	4 42.8%	2 17.8%	3 11.2%	22 29.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	5 4.6%	1 2.2%	3 4.9%	-	-	1 4.6%	-	1 31.9%	2 5.1%	2 4.6%	-	1 10.3%	1 25.0%	2 7.0%	-	-	1 6.2%	-	-	-	3 11.8%	1 2.0%
Slightly disagree	12 12.0%	2 4.4%	10 17.1%	2 12.4%	1 6.0%	4 13.2%	4 15.3%	-	4 9.5%	8 15.1%	-	-	-	3 14.1%	1 12.5%	1 5.5%	2 13.0%	1 13.3%	1 9.7%	3 33.9%	6 20.5%	7 8.9%
Strongly disagree	24 23.5%	9 22.6%	15 24.3%	4 21.7%	5 35.0%	7 23.6%	8 27.7%	-	6 13.2%	15 29.2%	3 66.3%	2 28.9%	-	6 28.0%	2 25.0%	5 32.9%	3 19.9%	3 25.1%	-	3 32.2%	8 27.5%	16 22.0%
Don't Know	1 0.8%	1 1.9%	-	1 4.1%	-	-	-	-	1 1.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 7.0%	-	-	-	-	1 1.0%
SIGMA	101 100.0%	39 100.0%	61 100.0%	18 100.0%	13 100.0%	31 100.0%	28 100.0%	3 100.0%	45 100.0%	52 100.0%	4 100.0%	8 100.0%	6 100.0%	22 100.0%	8 100.0%	15 100.0%	14 100.0%	11 100.0%	9 100.0%	10 100.0%	27 100.0%	74 100.0%

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**Table 7**  
**Q7. Thinking about the current financial year, that is 2017/18, to what extent do you agree or disagree that your local authority have sufficient funding to Meet statutory obligations to all children with a child protection plan**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode			
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Strongly agree	33	16	16	5	4	8	12	2	19	13	-	3	3	3	4	7	5	2	4	2	8	24
	32.3%	41.8%	26.6%	27.2%	33.3%	26.7%	43.9%	68.1%	43.0%	25.4%	-	41.2%	50.0%	14.8%	50.0%	45.1%	34.2%	21.0%	46.6%	16.1%	29.5%	33.3%
Slightly agree	31	13	17	6	5	11	5	-	16	13	1	2	1	9	1	3	5	4	2	2	4	27
	30.2%	33.8%	28.3%	34.6%	38.1%	34.7%	16.2%	-	35.1%	25.8%	33.7%	29.9%	25.0%	43.8%	12.5%	22.0%	33.5%	40.6%	25.2%	17.8%	14.3%	36.2%
Neither agree nor disagree	6	1	5	-	-	2	1	1	2	4	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	5	1
	6.2%	2.2%	7.5%	-	-	7.2%	2.9%	31.9%	5.1%	7.6%	-	10.3%	25.0%	7.0%	-	5.5%	6.2%	-	8.8%	-	17.5%	2.0%
Slightly disagree	12	2	10	3	1	4	3	-	3	9	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	6	7
	12.0%	4.3%	17.1%	17.6%	6.0%	13.2%	11.9%	-	7.4%	16.9%	-	-	-	14.1%	25.0%	5.5%	6.2%	13.3%	9.7%	33.9%	20.4%	8.9%
Strongly disagree	18	5	12	3	3	6	6	-	3	13	3	2	-	4	1	3	3	2	-	3	5	13
	17.7%	13.8%	20.5%	16.5%	22.6%	18.2%	22.1%	-	5.9%	24.3%	66.3%	18.6%	-	20.3%	12.5%	22.0%	19.9%	18.1%	-	32.2%	18.2%	17.5%
Don't Know	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
	1.6%	4.1%	-	4.1%	-	-	3.1%	-	3.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0%	9.7%	-	-	-	2.2%
SIGMA	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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**Table 8**  
**Q8. Thinking about the current financial year, that is 2017/18, to what extent do you agree or disagree that your local authority have sufficient funding to Meet statutory obligations to all children in need under Section 17**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode			
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Strongly agree	23	11	12	4	3	5	10	-	14	9	-	3	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	5	18
	22.6%	28.8%	19.0%	22.1%	26.1%	15.7%	34.7%	-	30.9%	17.1%	-	41.2%	50.0%	7.0%	25.0%	28.0%	13.7%	21.0%	37.9%	16.1%	16.4%	25.0%
Slightly agree	34	17	17	7	5	11	7	1	19	15	1	2	1	8	3	5	6	4	2	2	6	28
	33.4%	42.7%	27.8%	39.7%	38.1%	35.2%	26.0%	32.3%	41.1%	28.0%	15.8%	29.9%	25.0%	36.7%	37.5%	33.5%	40.4%	40.6%	27.2%	17.8%	21.7%	37.8%
Neither agree nor disagree	6	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	2	4	-	1	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	3
	6.1%	2.2%	7.4%	-	-	4.6%	-	31.9%	5.1%	7.5%	-	10.3%	25.0%	14.1%	-	-	6.2%	-	-	-	11.8%	4.0%
Slightly disagree	13	2	11	3	1	5	3	-	3	9	-	-	-	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	7	6
	12.6%	4.3%	18.2%	17.6%	6.0%	15.7%	11.4%	-	7.4%	18.2%	-	-	-	14.1%	12.5%	11.0%	6.2%	13.3%	18.5%	33.9%	26.2%	7.6%
Strongly disagree	23	6	17	3	4	7	8	1	5	15	3	2	-	4	2	4	5	2	1	3	7	16
	22.8%	15.8%	27.6%	16.5%	29.8%	23.3%	27.9%	35.9%	10.2%	29.2%	84.2%	18.6%	-	20.3%	25.0%	27.5%	33.5%	18.1%	16.4%	32.2%	24.0%	22.3%
Don't Know	2	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
	2.4%	6.2%	-	4.1%	-	5.4%	-	-	5.4%	-	-	-	-	7.8%	-	-	7.0%	-	-	-	-	3.3%
SIGMA	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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**Table 9**  
**Q9. Thinking about the current financial year, that is 2017/18, to what extent do you agree or disagree that your local authority have sufficient funding to**  
**To provide universal services for children and families to meet local needs**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode		
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Strongly agree	9 8.9%	4 9.8%	5 8.5%	1 5.2%	3 18.9%	-	5 16.9%	-	7 14.6%	2 4.6%	-	2 20.6%	1 25.0%	-	-	3 22.5%	1 6.8%	1 7.0%	1 9.7%	-	-	9 12.2%
Slightly agree	15 15.0%	6 15.4%	9 15.0%	2 8.3%	2 13.6%	6 20.7%	2 5.6%	1 32.3%	6 12.8%	9 18.1%	-	1 10.3%	1 25.0%	5 21.1%	1 12.5%	3 22.5%	1 6.8%	1 7.0%	1 9.7%	2 16.1%	2 5.6%	14 18.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	7 7.4%	3 8.6%	3 5.3%	-	-	2 5.5%	3 9.1%	1 31.9%	5 11.3%	2 4.6%	-	1 10.3%	-	3 14.8%	-	-	1 6.2%	-	1 9.7%	2 17.8%	5 17.9%	3 3.5%
Slightly disagree	16 15.4%	7 17.5%	9 14.3%	7 35.4%	2 12.9%	4 13.5%	2 6.1%	-	8 18.8%	7 13.7%	-	1 10.3%	-	3 14.1%	1 12.5%	1 5.5%	4 26.7%	4 34.4%	1 8.8%	2 17.8%	8 29.8%	7 10.1%
Strongly disagree	51 50.8%	18 46.7%	33 54.2%	9 47.0%	7 54.6%	17 55.0%	17 62.3%	1 35.9%	17 37.2%	31 59.0%	4 100.0%	4 48.5%	3 50.0%	9 42.1%	6 75.0%	7 49.4%	7 53.4%	5 44.6%	6 62.1%	5 48.3%	13 46.8%	38 52.3%
Don't Know	2 2.4%	1 1.9%	2 2.8%	1 4.1%	-	2 5.4%	-	-	2 5.4%	-	-	-	-	2 7.8%	-	-	-	1 7.0%	-	-	-	2 3.3%
SIGMA	101 100.0%	39 100.0%	61 100.0%	18 100.0%	13 100.0%	31 100.0%	28 100.0%	3 100.0%	45 100.0%	52 100.0%	4 100.0%	8 100.0%	6 100.0%	22 100.0%	8 100.0%	15 100.0%	14 100.0%	11 100.0%	9 100.0%	10 100.0%	27 100.0%	74 100.0%

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Table 10

**Q10. If your local authority were to receive an increase of 10 per cent in its annual budget for services for children and young people, what would be your priorities for spending that additional money? Please tell me up to three main priorities.**

**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode		
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Additional staff	28 27.7%	13 34.1%	15 24.0%	8 43.6%	3 20.2%	7 22.5%	6 22.6%	1 35.9%	12 26.5%	16 30.8%	-	2 20.6%	1 25.0%	6 28.2%	3 37.5%	2 11.0%	7 46.6%	3 27.4%	3 36.9%	2 16.1%	9 34.1%	19 25.3%
Support for children in care (foster care; residential care etc.)	51 50.3%	22 56.8%	28 46.8%	8 44.8%	8 61.6%	14 46.7%	15 51.9%	1 31.9%	23 51.2%	26 50.6%	1 33.7%	6 69.1%	4 75.0%	9 43.0%	5 62.5%	7 50.0%	5 34.2%	5 46.9%	3 34.9%	6 67.8%	3 11.5%	48 64.7%
Support for children in child protection plans.	9 8.5%	1 1.5%	8 13.1%	2 13.5%	1 5.7%	3 9.8%	1 2.8%	-	4 9.2%	4 7.3%	1 15.8%	1 9.3%	-	5 21.9%	-	-	1 6.8%	2 19.5%	-	-	3 10.5%	6 7.7%
Support for children at risk of going into care.	23 23.2%	10 26.4%	13 21.4%	2 12.4%	1 6.0%	8 25.0%	9 33.8%	1 31.9%	9 19.6%	13 25.4%	1 34.8%	1 10.3%	1 25.0%	5 21.0%	-	6 44.5%	1 6.8%	4 34.4%	2 26.3%	3 32.2%	16 56.5%	8 10.7%
Youth services	12 12.1%	3 8.3%	9 14.7%	2 13.4%	2 12.9%	2 7.4%	4 15.1%	-	3 7.6%	9 16.9%	-	1 10.3%	-	5 21.1%	2 25.0%	1 5.5%	1 6.8%	1 7.0%	1 9.7%	2 16.1%	5 18.0%	7 9.9%
Children's centres	9 9.1%	2 5.6%	7 11.5%	2 11.5%	2 12.5%	2 7.5%	2 8.1%	-	2 3.4%	7 13.5%	1 15.8%	1 9.3%	-	3 14.1%	-	2 11.0%	1 6.2%	2 19.5%	1 8.8%	-	4 13.9%	5 7.3%
Early support for families (to prevent problems escalating)	55 54.3%	19 47.4%	36 59.5%	9 48.0%	8 62.2%	17 54.3%	16 57.4%	2 68.1%	23 51.4%	28 53.5%	4 100.0%	6 69.1%	3 50.0%	9 42.1%	7 87.5%	7 49.4%	7 46.6%	7 65.6%	5 53.4%	5 51.7%	15 54.6%	40 54.2%
Support for children with mental health problems.	24 23.4%	8 20.4%	16 25.6%	5 27.0%	4 31.3%	7 23.9%	7 25.4%	-	12 25.7%	12 23.1%	-	2 20.6%	3 50.0%	3 14.1%	2 25.0%	3 22.5%	4 26.7%	2 14.0%	3 28.2%	3 32.2%	11 41.2%	12 16.7%
Support for parents with mental health problems.	6 6.4%	1 2.2%	6 9.2%	2 8.3%	1 6.0%	2 7.9%	1 3.1%	1 32.3%	3 5.7%	4 7.5%	-	1 10.3%	-	2 7.0%	-	2 11.0%	-	-	3 28.2%	-	3 11.5%	3 4.5%
Support for families suffering domestic violence.	6 5.5%	4 9.7%	2 2.9%	2 8.4%	-	1 4.5%	3 9.4%	-	2 5.4%	3 4.9%	1 15.8%	-	-	2 7.8%	1 12.5%	1 5.5%	-	1 12.5%	1 8.8%	-	5 16.8%	1 1.3%
Support for families with drug and alcohol problems.	1 0.8%	-	1 1.3%	-	-	1 2.5%	-	-	-	1 1.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 8.8%	-	-	1 2.8%	-
Help for families in poverty/poor housing.	9 8.9%	3 7.0%	6 10.2%	2 12.6%	2 12.9%	2 5.6%	1 2.9%	1 31.9%	3 5.7%	6 12.3%	-	1 10.3%	-	3 14.1%	1 12.5%	2 16.5%	1 6.8%	1 7.0%	-	-	4 14.2%	5 6.9%

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**Table 10**

**Q10. If your local authority were to receive an increase of 10 per cent in its annual budget for services for children and young people, what would be your priorities for spending that additional money? Please tell me up to three main priorities.**

**Base : All Respondents**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region								Mode			
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Don't Know	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	0.9%	2.4%	-	-	-	3.1%	-	-	2.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8%	-	-	-	-	-	1.3%
Other	55	25	29	10	8	14	17	2	30	22	3	5	3	9	2	9	10	5	5	6	2	52
	54.0%	62.5%	47.9%	56.5%	62.0%	43.8%	62.0%	68.1%	65.9%	41.5%	84.2%	60.8%	50.0%	42.1%	25.0%	61.6%	73.3%	46.1%	56.1%	67.8%	8.0%	71.2%
SIGMA	288	112	175	55	39	82	82	8	126	150	11	25	16	60	22	42	38	33	27	27	81	207
	285.0%	284.3%	288.1%	300.0%	293.5%	264.4%	294.5%	300.0%	279.4%	288.7%	300.0%	300.0%	275.0%	276.6%	287.5%	288.4%	267.7%	300.0%	300.0%	283.9%	293.7%	281.7%

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**Table 11**  
**Q11. Finally, for demographic purposes, what is your age please?**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode			
		Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
25-34	10	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	5	2	-	3	1	-	-	5	5
	10.0%	13.1%	8.1%	54.9%	-	-	-	-	8.1%	12.4%	-	-	-	21.1%	25.0%	-	20.5%	7.0%	-	-	18.0%	7.0%
35-44	8	4	5	8	-	-	-	-	1	7	1	-	-	5	-	2	-	1	1	-	3	5
	8.2%	9.3%	7.6%	45.1%	-	-	-	-	1.7%	13.3%	15.8%	-	-	21.1%	-	11.0%	-	12.5%	8.8%	-	11.1%	7.1%
45-54	13	6	7	-	13	-	-	-	7	6	1	2	-	-	1	2	4	2	2	2	-	13
	13.2%	15.4%	11.9%	-	100.0%	-	-	-	15.4%	11.0%	15.8%	20.6%	-	-	12.5%	11.0%	26.7%	19.5%	18.5%	16.1%	-	18.1%
55-64	31	8	23	-	-	31	-	-	17	13	1	2	3	3	2	5	5	3	2	6	7	24
	30.7%	19.3%	38.5%	-	-	100.0%	-	-	38.5%	25.0%	15.8%	29.9%	50.0%	15.6%	25.0%	33.5%	32.9%	26.6%	17.5%	67.8%	25.4%	32.7%
65-74	28	14	14	-	-	-	28	-	14	12	2	3	3	5	3	6	1	3	3	2	9	19
	27.7%	34.6%	23.6%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	30.4%	23.5%	52.7%	39.2%	50.0%	21.0%	37.5%	39.0%	6.8%	28.0%	36.7%	16.1%	33.8%	25.4%
75+	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2
	2.6%	4.4%	1.6%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	5.9%	-	-	10.3%	-	-	-	-	6.8%	-	9.7%	-	3.1%	2.5%
Prefer not to say	8	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	5	-	1	1	1	1	-	2	5
	7.6%	4.0%	8.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.8%	-	-	-	21.1%	-	5.5%	6.2%	6.3%	8.8%	-	8.7%	7.2%
SIGMA	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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**Table 12**  
**Q12. Gender**  
**Base : All Respondents**

	Sex		Age					Political party			Region							Mode				
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Conservative	Labour	Other	East of England	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Online	Telephone	
Unweighted Total	101	41	59	17	15	30	29	3	45	51	5	10	4	14	8	18	15	15	11	6	26	75
Weighted Total	101	39	61	18	13	31	28	3	45	52	4	8	6	22	8	15	14	11	9	10	27	74
Male	39	39	-	9	6	8	14	2	24	14	1	4	3	6	3	7	6	6	2	10	30	30
	38.9%	100.0%	-	47.9%	45.4%	24.4%	48.6%	64.1%	54.0%	26.3%	31.5%	50.5%	50.0%	29.7%	37.5%	22.5%	47.9%	53.1%	64.2%	16.1%	34.8%	40.4%
Female	61	-	61	10	7	23	14	1	21	38	3	4	3	15	5	11	6	5	3	8	17	44
	60.2%	-	100.0%	52.1%	54.6%	75.6%	51.4%	35.9%	46.0%	72.0%	68.5%	49.5%	50.0%	70.3%	62.5%	77.5%	45.9%	46.9%	35.8%	83.9%	62.1%	59.6%
Prefer not to say	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	0.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7%	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	-	-	-	-	3.2%	-
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