

The Enfield Declaration

We, the undersigned prominent and proud citizens living or working in the vibrant and diverse communities in the London Borough of Enfield, wish to draw the attention of the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Health & Social Care and for Housing, Communities & Local Government, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Chief Executive of NHS England to the grossly unfair and continuous under-funding of our Borough by successive governments and their statutory services.

We do so following the frank government admission that the Public Health funding base - line used by Ministers is “historic” and has been unchanged since 2013.

Since it does not take absolute levels of need into account and updated evidence - based data is excluded, it means that Enfield is perpetually under- funded and persistent, but remediable, health inequalities, between us and our linked North Central London boroughs continue.

For example: Compared with our £47 per head of Enfield’s growing population, the average public health grant for 2019/ 20 across all London boroughs is £73 per head. This gap between Enfield’s public health allocation and the London average has increased from £24 to £26, despite Ministers in 2015 telling Enfield MPs that we were then 13.6% under-funded.

Why has Enfield’s public health grant been cut by £446,000 this year to £47 per head, while Islington receives £103 per head, Camden £100, Haringey, on our doorstep, gets £69 and Kensington & Chelsea £130?

From 2020, the long-awaited spending review will hopefully reflect government policy - as communicated to the Enfield Over 50s Forum - that local authority funding will in future “be decided in a fair, robust and evidence-based way, reflecting the most up-to-date evidence on council’s relative needs and resources.”

Having been subject to spending cuts since 2010 of some £180 million, our council services face pressures as never before.

Our Voice is a parent-carer forum which represents the parents and carers of children and young people who have disabilities and special needs. These children, who are some of society’s most vulnerable individuals, have been unfairly and disproportionately affected by funding cuts. As a direct result of inadequate funding, they have suffered a significant negative impact and disadvantage.

The Our Voice team believe that Enfield needs a fair funding deal from government and we support the Enfield Declaration.

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