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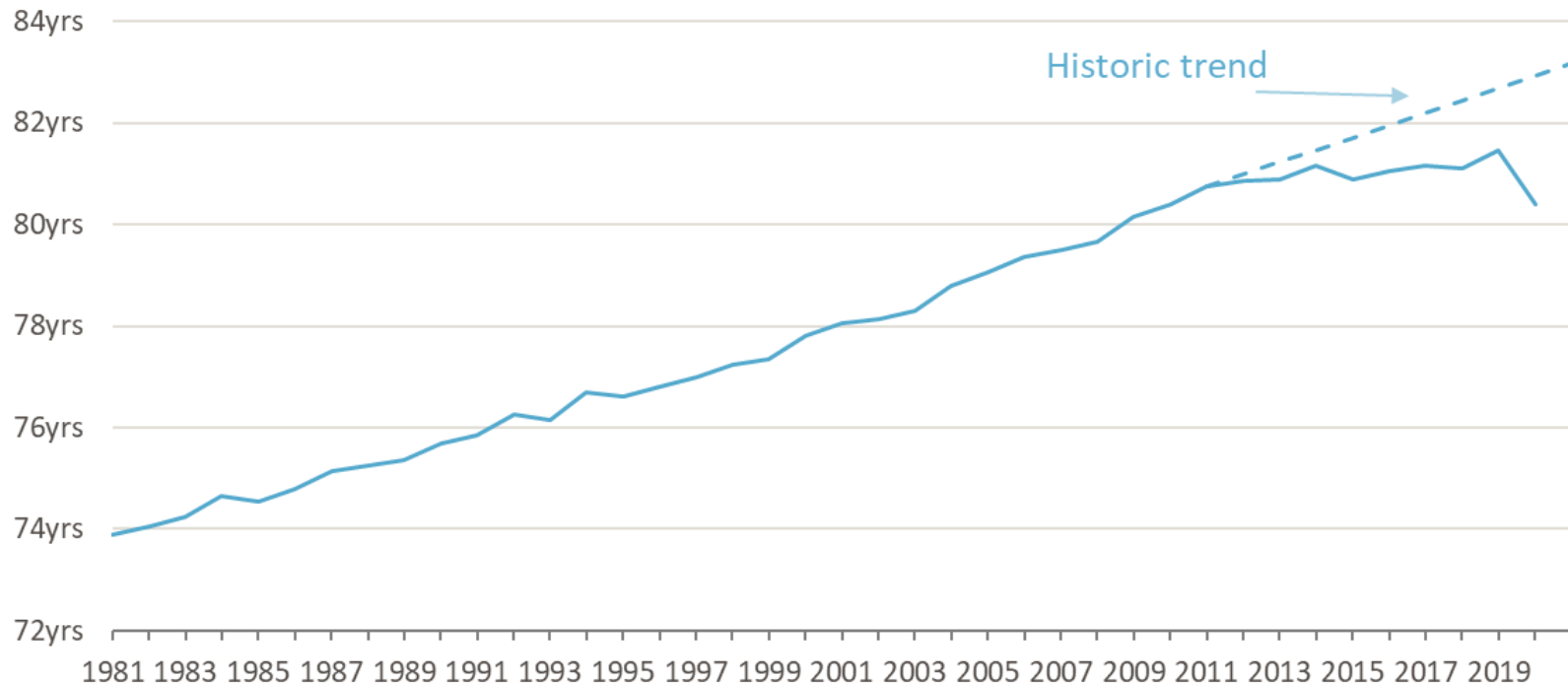
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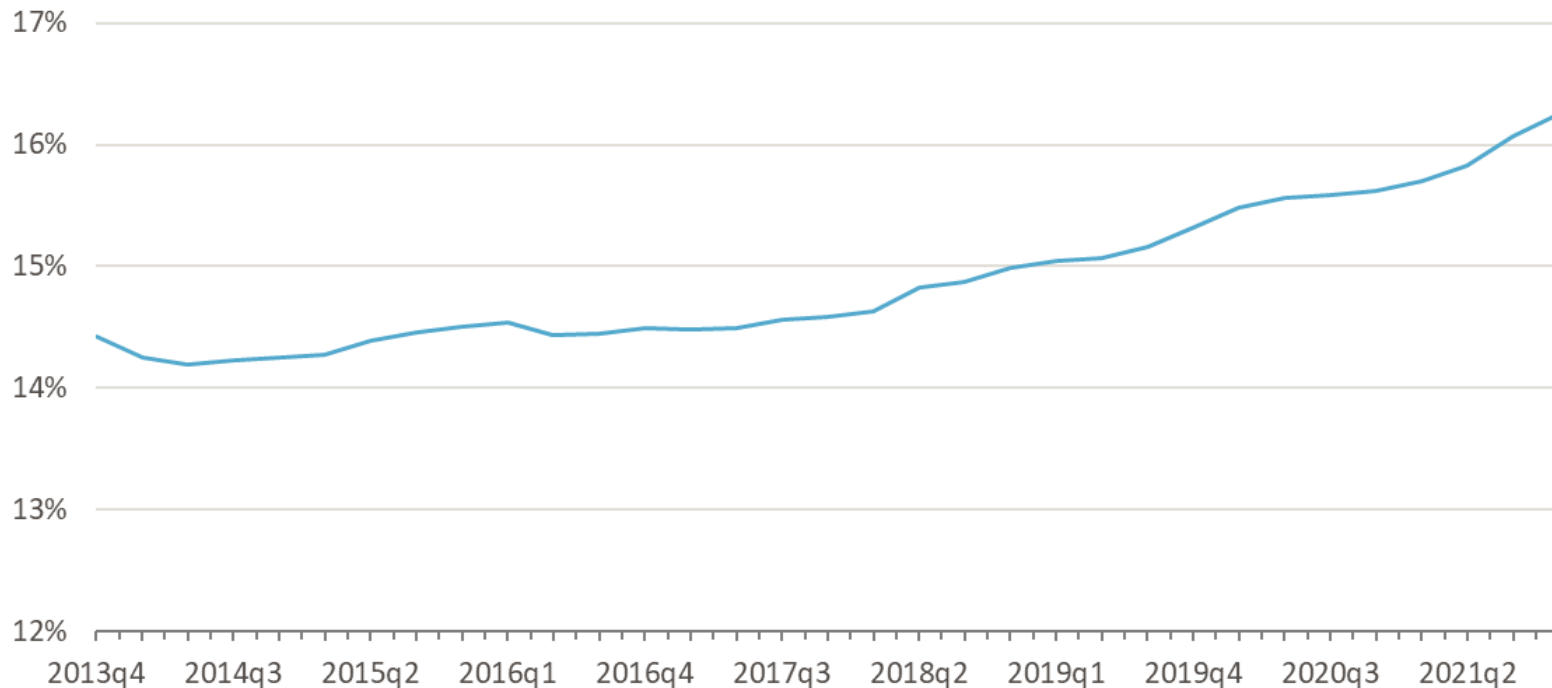
Longevity gains stalled before the pandemic

Period life expectancy at birth: UK, 1981-2020



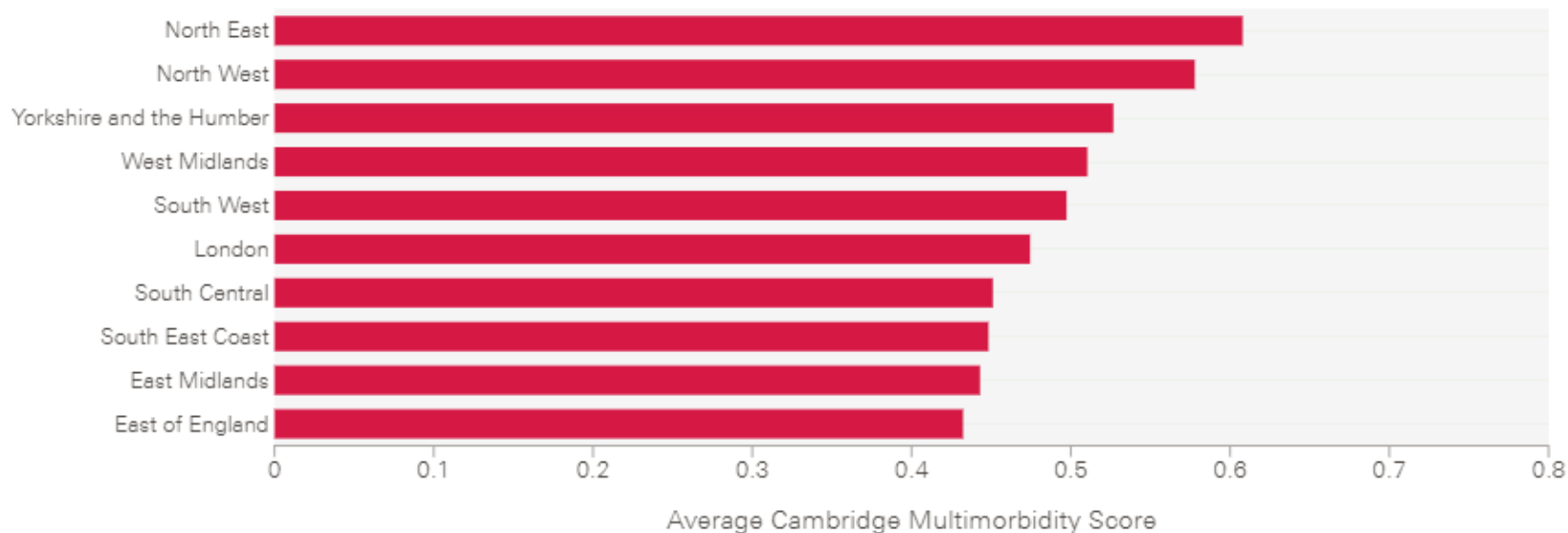
Prevalence of ill health working age people has risen

Proportion of working age population long term sick: UK, 2013-2021



There is significant health variation between regions

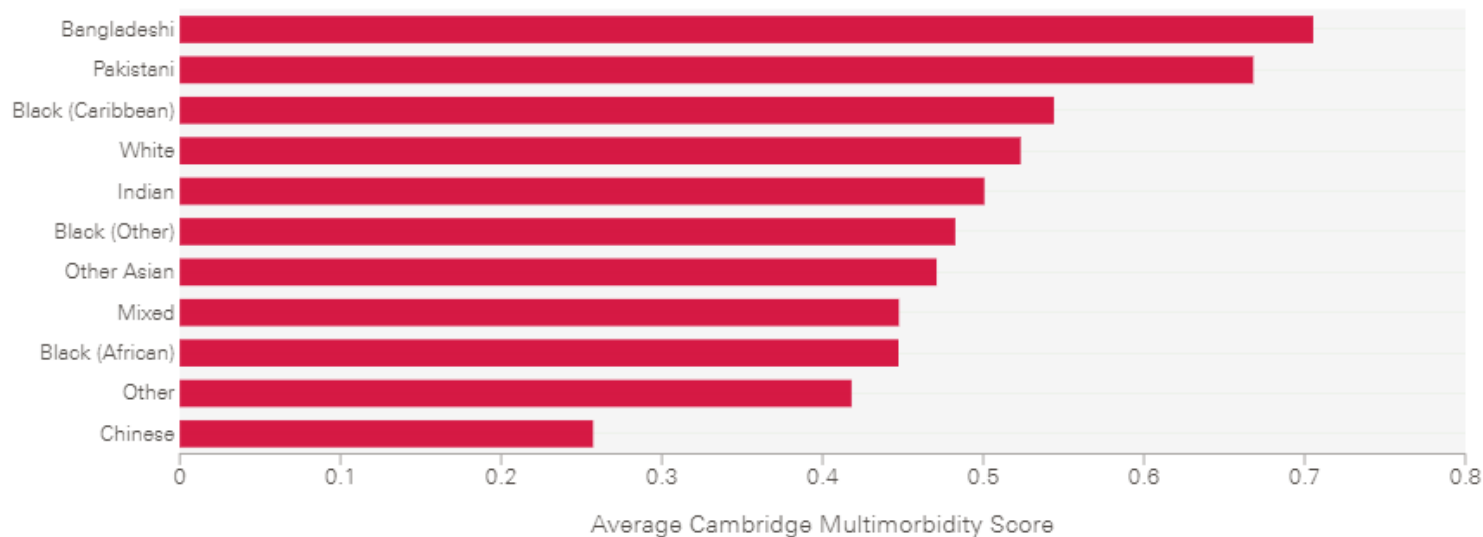
Diagnosed illness (average Cambridge Multimorbidity Score) by region of England, age-standardised, 2019/20



...as well as differences between ethnic groups

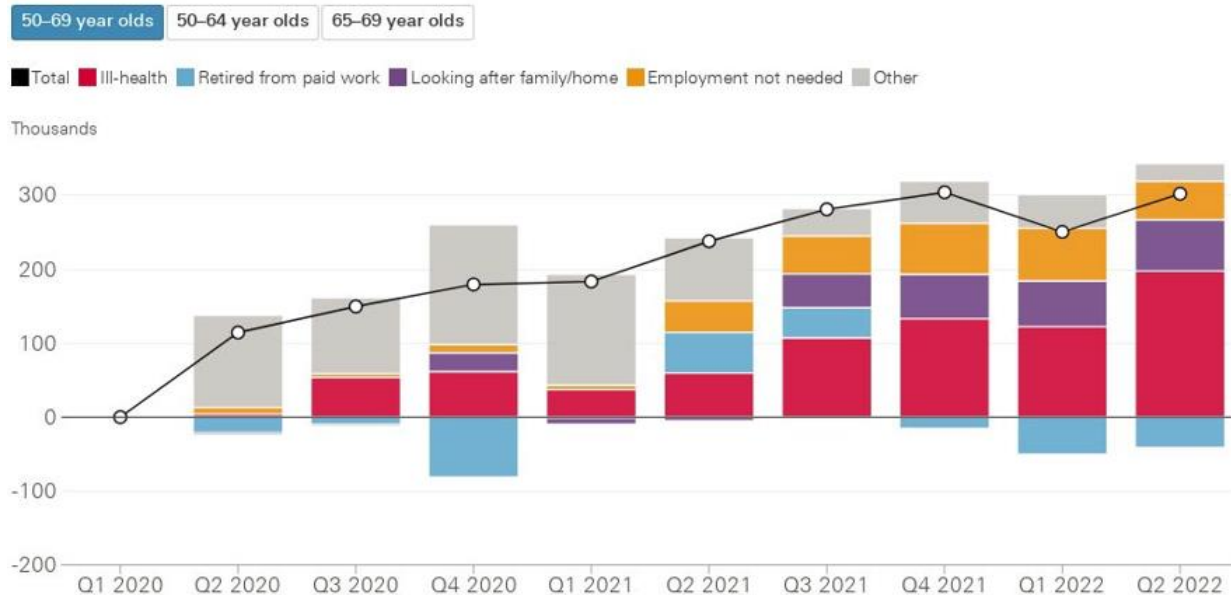
Diagnosed illness (average Cambridge Multimorbidity Score) by ethnicity, age-standardised, 2019/20

■ All conditions



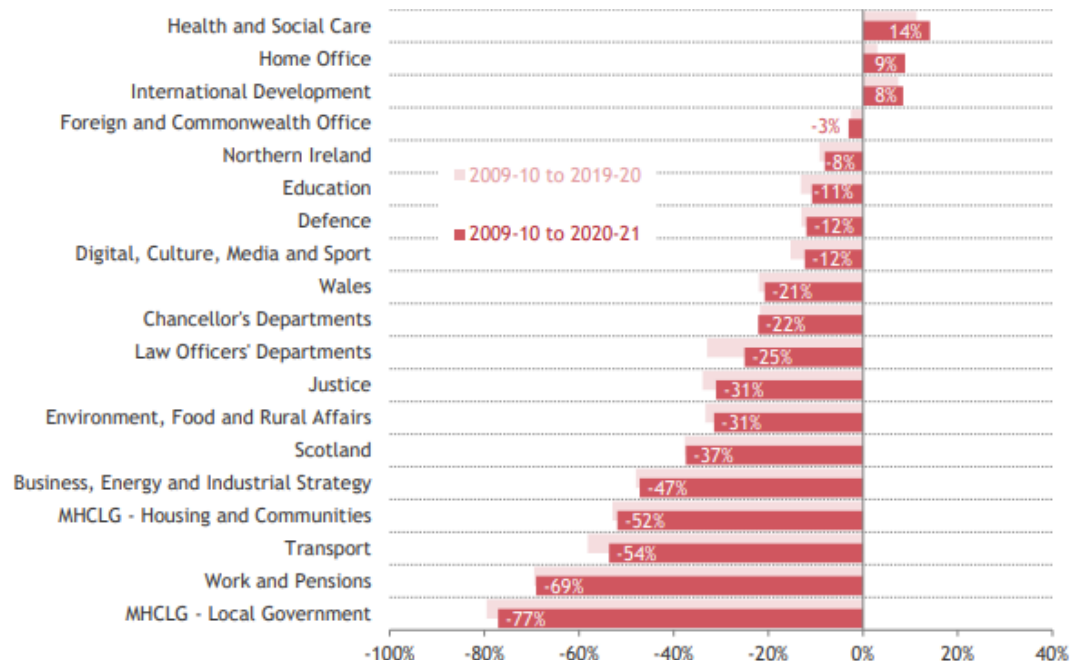
Most of the recent rise in economy inactivity for 50-69 year olds is among people with poor health

Change in number (1,000s) of 50-69 year olds who are inactive by reason for inactivity: UK, Q1 2020 to Q2 2022



Government had failed to prioritise keeping people healthy in the first place

Cumulative real change (GDP deflator-adjusted) in per-capita RDEL since 2009-10

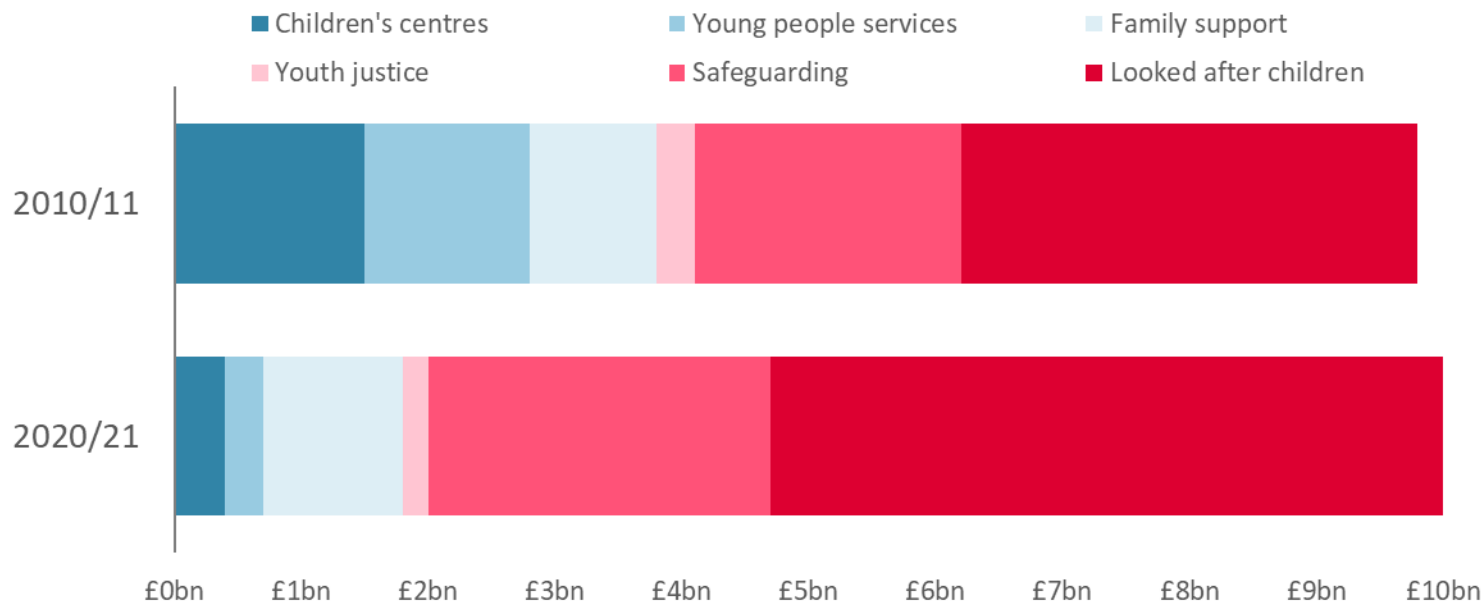


Notes: Cash change in RDEL as published at SR19 added to PESA19 totals for 2019-20 to reach estimates for long-run changes. Figures are adjusted as far as possible to account for machinery of government changes.

Source: RF analysis of HMT, PESA, various

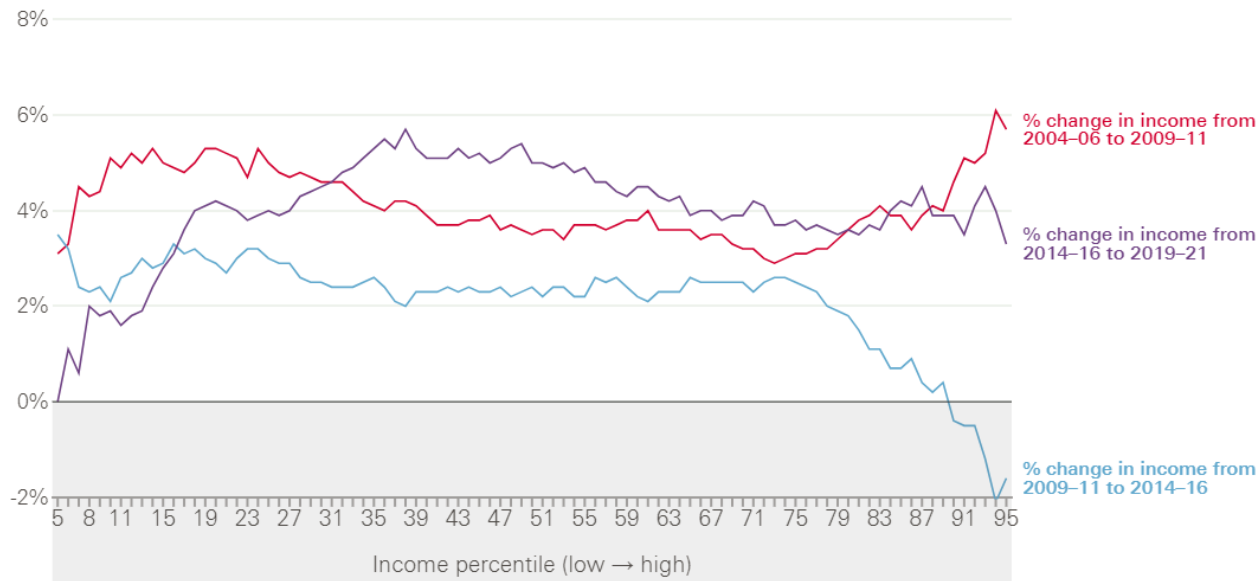
Spend on children's services has shifted away from early intervention

Children's services spend by category item, 2010/11 and 2020/21 (real terms 2020/21 prices)



Social security cuts dragged down on income growth for poorer families before the pandemic

Cumulative growth in net equivalised household income (after housing costs) at different points in the income distribution: UK, 2004-06 to 2019-21



Taking a prevention first approach

- Cross-government approach to improving health
- Recognition of costs and benefits falling across different parts of government and society
- Political consensus for a long term focus on prevention
- Long term planning and investment
- Addressing underlying causes of ill health and inequalities

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