Health Foundation submission:
Change in NHS England funding per capita and age adjusted per capita

19 July 2018

The NHS England RDEL budget is set to grow by £20.5bn in real terms by 2023/24. This is a growth of 18% - or 3.4% a year on average.

Taking into account projected population growth in England, this falls to 2.8% a year on average, due to the fact the population will have grown by around 1.5 million by 2023/4.

The population is not just growing but also ageing, for example there will be a million more people aged 65 or over in 2023/24 than 2018/19.

Weighting the population based on spending profiles produced by the Office for Budget Responsibility, allows us to see the impact of an ageing population, who use approximately 4 times as much acute hospital care as those of working age. The age adjusted average annual growth in real terms funding for NHS England is 2.3%.