The Child's Generation: Child Care Policy In Britain

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Child poverty is becoming 'normal' in parts of Great Britain, according to a new study. It looked at England, Scotland and Wales and found that in some of Britain's biggest cities more than 50% of children are living in poverty. The data has been produced by End Child Poverty, who are the UK's leading child poverty action group. The group has called on the government to set up a plan of action to reduce the number of children living in poor conditions. A government spokesperson told Newsround that they are supporting families to improve their lives through work but added th... In particular, they're asking for more investment in children's services such as mental health, education, childcare and social care. What have previous reports said? Getty Images.