governments in recent years Oxfam research has shown that “the five richest families in the UK are wealthier than the bottom 20 per cent of the entire population. That’s just five households with more money than 12.6 million people -almost the same as the number of people living below the poverty line in the UK.” (Oxfam GB, 2017) The poorest families have been losing out on the benefits of economic growth, meanwhile the wealthiest have had an upwards increase in their income and wealth. The government’s strategies have included action to “help troubled families turn their lives around, improve mental health, reduce child poverty and make sure that children are properly supported so that they complete their education, work with the voluntary, public and private sectors to deal more effectively with complex problems and make work pay, and help people to find and stay in work” (Gov.uk, 2015)

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