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Britain's obesity crisis is costing every taxpayer more than £400 a year, international research shows. Experts said the study of 52 countries by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development was an "alarm call" about the scale of the damage caused by bulging waistlines. Conditions fuelled by excess weight are soaking up more than 8 per cent of health expenditure in the UK while cutting life expectancy by 2.7 years on average.

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