

Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee 17 October 2017

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There has been a question submitted by a member of the public which will be published as a supplementary paper prior to the meeting.

Question to the Education Select Committee:

From 'Improving early help services for children, young people and families ' Bucks CC online survey

Young Carers Support

I have worked with young people both on the trustee board of Buckingham Youth Club for 25 years and as the founder and coordinator of YC2 the young carers youth club for North Bucks since 2005. In this period I have benefited from working with and learning from professionals who deliver children's services throughout Buckinghamshire including local schools welfare and nursing teams, Young CarersBucks, Buckingham Youth Club and Action4Youth.

I bring my question to committee members in the sincere hope that their combined experience in children's welfare services will bring clarity to a potentially damaging proposal that has little substantive detail or evidence and passes responsibility for the welfare of the County's most vulnerable children onto families who are struggling with physical and mental illness, poverty and social isolation.

I was advised to present some of my many concerns and questions to you by Robin Stuchbury who served on this committee for 4 years, as he has full confidence that the facts will be rigorously examined.

Question

I understand that services for Young Carers are no longer part of the Early Help review. Please could you clarify that this means that support services for young carers will continue to be delivered as they are currently and that all young carer organisations will be consulted should there be any proposed changes in the future?

Thank you

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