

Item 10 - Question Time

To the Chair of the Care, Learning & Housing Committee

“In light of the Scottish Government’s decision to abandon plans for a mandatory named person scheme for every child in Scotland, underpinned by law, only localised policies such as those used in Highland are now practiced.

Given the reaffirmation from the Education Secretary that these voluntary programmes will take place only where Councils and Health Boards wish to provide them and parents wish to use them, do you believe that the Council’s scheme has the support of parents, our staff who must carry out the scheme, our health board partners and our Local Authority?”

Response to Mr S Mackie

The safety and wellbeing of children is at the heart of our policy and practice at Highland Council. We will continue to collaborate with parents, professionals, and our partners to work together in the best interests of children. Getting It Right For Every Child will remain a key principle behind our practice and we will work closely with national bodies to understand the implications of national policy on our current processes and consider what action and changes we need to make.