

Supplement – schedule of questions received for meeting of children and young people scrutiny committee – 16 April 2018

Agenda item no. 5 - Question from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Miss Rosalind Gardner, Hereford	<p>Will the committee consider scrutinising a proposal that the children of high school age that are not being educated in a high school setting be made a priority in education?</p> <p>As they do miss the setting of a school but find it hard, as they do not receive the correct support which has led to them being Home educated and are missing out on the learning of social skills.</p>	Chairman of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Chairman's response

The Children's and Young People Scrutiny Committee have recently debated home education, the choices some parents made, statutory responsibilities of the local authority and the national debate that is taking place at the moment within our considerations of last year's exam results. As Chairman of the Children's and Young People Scrutiny Committee I have written to the government minister expressing the views of committee which I hope will be taken into account. In our debate we did emphasise the importance of education and the need for children to receive the appropriate support whatever setting they are in. Being educated at home through parental choice does place the onus of providing the education on the parent. I do think it is important that views such as the ones Miss Garner expresses are taken into account in the work of officers as they review the approach to High Needs Funding and also exclusions from schools and I will ask Les Knight, the head of additional needs, children's wellbeing to do so.