

Supplement – schedule of questions received for meeting of children and young people scrutiny committee – 12 October 2021

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

Question Number	Questioner	Question	
PQ 1	Name and address provided	<p>On 1 June 2021, the CYP Scrutiny committee was offered a legal briefing by a member of the public who has been raising concerns for a number of years that Herefordshire Council's response to allegations of serious sexual assault and rape by a school student fails to take into account a school's legal duties under the Human Rights Act and the Equality Act.</p> <p>This member of the public has been involved in successful legal action against a Herefordshire secondary school which put a child back into class with the boy identified as the rapist.</p> <p>It is four months since the offer was made. Given that the essential purpose of the Committee is to scrutinize decisions made by the Council to ensure that children are properly safeguarded, why has the Committee chosen not to take up the offer?</p>	
<p>Response from chairperson of children and young people scrutiny committee</p> <p>The committee are aware of, and is grateful to, the offer made by a member of the public to provide a briefing on the Human Rights Act and the Equality Act. The committee is committed to taking up the offer and sorry it has taken so long to organise, but we are still seeking advice on how such an offer may be accommodated within a package of training and development currently under development.</p>			