

Challenges Faced by Young People During Covid-19 Pandemic – Concerns Over Waiting Lists to See Specialists

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 12 November 2021, proposed by Councillor Richard Nelson, seconded by Councillor Holford, as follows:-

“The Council recognises the challenges faced by our young people during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those with additional support needs; praises the work undertaken by Lanarkshire Autism Group based in Larkhall and indeed, all organisations who have provided vital support to families during this difficult time; raises serious concerns over the waiting lists for young people to see specialists with waiting lists throughout South Lanarkshire stating the following:

Speech and Language – 42 weeks
Neuro Development Team – 2 years
Community Paediatrician – 3 years
CAMHS – 1+ years

Understands that GIRFEC (getting it right for every child) supports families by making sure children and young people can receive the right help, at the right time, from the right people; however, agrees that this policy cannot assist families properly whilst waiting lists are out of control; further agrees to write to the Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care to note this Council’s serious concerns in relation to the above waiting times and to ask the Scottish Government to outline their plans to urgently reduce these waiting times.”