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CUTS TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about cuts to children's services.

Local authorities are currently faced with significant funding shortages when it comes to children's services, with 88% of councils exceeding their budget in this area. These funding cuts mean that vulnerable children often do not receive the support they need to thrive. It also means that more children end up at risk because of a lack of funding for early intervention programmes, such as school counselling services and parenting programmes.

Labour is committed to addressing the problems with children's services in the UK. A Labour Government will refocus social care to work with families in local communities to prevent children becoming at risk of going into care. We will increase support for children in kinship and foster care and their families. In the meantime, I will work with my fellow Labour MPs to continue to hold the government to account for their failures in the area of children's services.

Thanks again to everyone who has taken the time to contact me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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