

Barbara Keeley responds to Prime Minister's announcement on prevention in mental health

Barbara Keeley MP, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Social Care, responding to the Prime Minister's announcement on prevention in mental health, said:

"Once again we hear warm words from the Prime Minister on mental health, but the reality is that mental health services are stretched to breaking point and people with mental health problems aren't getting the support they need.

"The Prime Minister is failing to address the real crisis in mental health. Training for teachers and other professionals is welcome but when we know thousands of children and young people are either turned away from mental health services or have to wait too long for treatment, it's clear that she's missing the real issue.

"This Tory government has cut local authority funding and failed to protect mental health budgets. Labour will invest more in mental health services and ring-fence budgets, so that funding reaches those who need support."