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7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Alteration to Notice of Motion 1, 15 January 2015, Agenda item 7 - standing in the names of Mrs E B Tucker, Prof. J Raine, Mrs S Askin, Mrs F M Oborski, Mr T A L Wells, Mr M E Jenkins, Ms M A Rayner and Ms R E Jenkins:

"Council notes that the interim funding for Independent Rape/Sexual Abuse Counselling, provided at short notice by the Police and Crime Commissioner, is currently due to end in March 2015 and that no local authority or Health Service provision exists to fill that gap.

Furthermore Council notes that whilst 1 in 20 young people suffer sexual abuse, and that locally the majority of such cases arise within the family and are not part of grooming by external gangs, there is no specialist service dedicated to providing counselling for these very vulnerable young people.

Victims are often faced with a three-month wait for an initial Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service appointment, with possible waits of a further 18 months for specialist services.

Noting that a pilot Specialist Counselling Service for young people aged 11 – 21 could be provided for £25,000 per year, Council urgently requests Cabinet Members with Responsibility to seek funding for such a service in the Financial Year 2015/2016."

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