

Angela Rayner comments on reports the Government is set to accept Labour amendments on Children & Social Work Bill

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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on reports that the Government is set to accept Labour amendments on the Children and Social Work Bill, said:

"With the Bill back in the Commons next Tuesday, the Government must urgently clarify its position. If ministers are giving in to Labour's demands to abandon this dangerous proposal and accept our amendments, then that is good news for vulnerable children across the country.

"We need to learn the lessons from the terrible tragedies of the past. The protections that were recommended after the appalling cases of Victoria Climbié and Baby P need to be enforced, not weakened. There is nothing 'innovative' about allowing councils to 'opt out' of such basic requirements.

"These proposals should never have been made in the first place, and we will fight until they are removed."