## <u>Northants Council Leader must resign</u> <u>after reviews into toddler murders –</u> <u>Andrew Gwynne</u>

Andrew Gwynne MP, Labour's Shadow Communities and Local Government Secretary, responding to the news that Northants Council has been strongly criticised by two serious case reviews into the murders of toddlers, said:

"My thoughts are with the family of the two children involved in this tragic case. Losing a child is an awful trauma.

"A decade after the tragic death of Baby P and vulnerable young people are still being failed, a situation made worse by years of Government cuts to the services that are there to prevent these tragedies from happening.

"There have been repeated failures in children's services in Northamptonshire since 2013 and there is now no question: Council Leader Matt Golby has to go. He failed when he was in charge of children's services, and he's failed since taking over the Council. The people of Northants need to be reassured that vulnerable children in the county will be protected. And the County Council must immediately restore the funding that it has cut from children's services."

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