

Tories' record on children & young people's mental health has been shocking – Keeley

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Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Mental Health, commenting on the announcement of measures contained within the new Children and Young People's Green Paper, said:

"This announcement leaves many unanswered questions, in particular whether the reported funding will amount to new investment and whether the incentives offered will lead to every school being able to offer proper mental health support to their pupils.

"What is clear, however, is that the Tories' record on children and young people's mental health has been shocking, with a postcode lottery of provision across Child and Adolescent Mental Health services and many long waits for treatment.

"The Tories can only be taken seriously on children and young people's mental health by following Labour's example and pledging to increase spending on these services, ring-fencing budgets and ensuring children and young people have access to a counselling service in every secondary school."