



Claire Perry

MP for the Devizes Constituency

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Claire Perry MP Backs Child Neglect Campaign



On 24 January, Claire Perry, MP for the Devizes Constituency, attended the Parliamentary launch of Action for Children's report into child neglect. Claire added her name to the charity's petition, signed by over 16,000 members of the public, calling on the Government to

intervene early to prevent and tackle child neglect.

Following the launch, Claire said:

“Action for Children's report presents a worrying outlook of the tragic circumstances facing neglected children today and I know the Government is working hard to give social workers more time and space for better quality assessments. I welcome the Government's approach to help children's services, the Police and the NHS work together and focus on early identification of problems before they escalate so we can move towards a more coordinated and local approach to combat this issue”.

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Notes

- Action for Children is campaigning to improve the way child neglect is tackled, by highlighting the importance of intervening early to help families with emerging

issues, before they become long-term problems. For more information about Action for Children's work on child neglect please visit: www.actionforchildren.org.uk

- The launch of the charity's review into child neglect has revealed that over half (51%) of social workers, and a third of police officers (36%) feel 'powerless' to intervene in suspected cases of child neglect. Over 4000 people, including the general public, a range of professionals, and 47 local authorities, took part in the research through polling and focus groups.
- The Education Secretary, Michael Gove, commissioned Professor Eileen Munro to undertake an independent review of child protection issues. It looked at the question of what would help professionals to make the best judgments they can to protect children from harm.
- The Government outlined its response to Professor Munro's recommendations last year (see: [here](#)) and, following a formal consultation, will look to publish revised statutory guidance by July 2012.

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