

## **Item 15vii - Question Time**

To the Chair of the Care, Learning & Housing Committee

“What steps are being taken to ensure that appropriate and sustainable psychological support is available for our young people who require additional help in schools?”

### Response to Mr B Boyd

The Principal Educational Psychologist within the Council manages both the Educational Psychology Service and the Primary mental Health Worker service, which is the Tier 2 Child and Adolescent Mental Health service in Highland. Both teams coordinate their input to ensure universal and early intervention services for children and young people, aiming to maintain positive mental health and to intervene and be available to provide advice and consultation at an early stage where issues arrive. The PMHW service provides a direct link to the Tier 3 CAMH Service.

The Educational Psychology team are aligned to specific schools across highland with each school and preschool provision having a named, link psychologist. This service provides both universal and targeted support to educational provisions, supporting staff and parents of children with additional support needs and providing targeted support and interventions where appropriate for specific children and young people attending the schools they are linked with.