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Mr Martin Skellum

Dear Mr Skellum

Question to Council – Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Thank you for the question your raised to Council on 22nd May 2024. I have set out the question and my response below.

Have Rotherham Council failed its duty of care to individuals they have placed in The Carlton Park Hotel with no apparent social support or supervision. Not just these individuals but the community in general. With no consultation whatsoever they placed people with severe social problems between a School and a College endangering the children and young people that attend there.

I can advise that families and single people will be placed in hotels or bed and breakfasts when there are no other options available. The Council is fulfilling its legal duty to people who are made homeless in this way. The Council is committed to move families and single people out of hotels or bed and breakfast at the earliest opportunity, unfortunately this is slowed by the availability of affordable accommodation.

Risk assessments take place on an individual basis – each individual placed at the hotel had a dedicated worker and support in place. As a number of incidents have been reported the risks of the number of placements has been reviewed and the number of placements is being reduced as soon as possible. The council is working

with the Police to address the incidents reported and to reduce the risks of future occurrences.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Allen', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Councillor Sarah Allen
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