BACCH welcomes the release of RCPCH survey figures

The British Association for Community Child Health (BACCH) welcomes the news that almost 80% of RCPCH members, who provide the backbone of specialist medical services for children in the UK, are calling for the withdrawal of the Health and Social Care Bill.

A survey of the members of the British Association for Community Child Health a fortnight ago showed that 92% of respondents opposed the Health and Social Care Bill.

95% believed the health reforms would increase inequalities. 97% believed that competition would undermine the provision of high quality integrated care. 97% thought that the upheaval caused by the Bill would distract the NHS from the huge task of meeting the current financial challenges facing the service.

Services for children and families require a highly collaborative approach, between the commissioners of services and the providers of services, to achieve equity and excellence as in the Kennedy Report 2010.1

The present reforms are likely to fragment services, reduce the effectiveness and increase inequalities in outcomes.

Simon Lenton, Chair of the British Association for Community Child Health said:

“The strength of feeling against the Bill amongst professionals providing health services is steadily mounting. Complete withdrawal of the Bill now needs to be fully debated in the House of Commons, once the long awaited Risk Register is in the public domain and has been fully analysed”

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Notes for Editors


2.  The British Association for Community Child Health (BACCH) is a professional association for doctors and other professionals working to improve the health of children and young people throughout the UK. It works for better equity, experience and outcomes in child health and spreading innovation and good practice for community-based services.

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