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Sarah Champion MP writes to Transport Secretary in a bid to overturn cuts to paper timetables

Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, has questioned the proposals by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to scrap paper timetables for public transport.

It was announced in December that cuts of around £7.6 million were to be made to various services, including the production of paper timetables.

Since then, a number of constituents have approached Sarah expressing their concern about the loss of the information. One point continually raised by those contacting Sarah's office was the impact that it would have on the elderly and the most vulnerable. The SYPTE have highlighted that timetables will still be available on the internet, however the misgivings are that many of those who rely on paper information do not have online access.

In light of the feedback she's received from constituents, Sarah is now calling on the powers that be to reconsider the decision to scrap paper timetables. She's written to Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin asking him to step in and save what is a vital part of public transport for many.

Discussing the issue, Sarah said:

"I understand that it must have been incredibly difficult for the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive when deciding where cuts to services would be made. However I am asking them to go back and reassess whether they should be getting rid of paper timetables."

"I have been approached by a number of constituents in recent weeks with their worries about this loss of information. I am aware that schedules will always be available online, but my concern is for those who simply don't have access to the internet. I believe the impact this will have on the elderly and most vulnerable in particular will be bigger than the SYPTE expects."

"As we know, schedules change and without prior knowledge those people who rely on paper timetables could miss important appointments. I hope that a solution can be reached and I have written to Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin about this matter. The current proposal will only leave our most vulnerable residents disadvantaged further."

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