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Council leader abuse apology 'should not be hollow words'



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The leader of Nottingham City Council has said he didn't want any apology over the sexual abuse of children in council care to be "just bland, hollow words".

His comments came after the recent Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) heard that his view in February this year on making a public apology was that we will apologise "when there is something to apologise for."



Leader councillor Jon Collins was responding to Conservative councillor Andrew Rule who asked him if he stood by his previous statement.

Mr Collins replied: "I believe that to be meaningful, public apologies need to be a response to specific service failings, and not just bland, hollow words.

"That's why when the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse provided new and previously undisclosed evidence demonstrating the council had failed to provide the highest level of care for some of its looked-after children, that apology was made."



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