



Patrick Crossan: Candidate in Belfast Collin

'Pat on the Back' politics

Claims by Sinn Fein that their *'council team has delivered'* for the Collin area, have been dismissed by the Workers Party's Patrick Crossan in a stinging criticism of that party's local record.

"Lagmore, Twinbrook, Poleglass and surrounding areas have some of the highest rates of child poverty, the lowest levels of life expectancy, massive mental health issues, poor educational outcomes and little or no access to affordable, flexible quality childcare," Patrick said.

"That is the daily reality for people in this area – and it has happened on Sinn Fein's watch", he said.

"They make no mention of the appalling social conditions that thousands of local families have to endure, homes going unheated, children going to school with no breakfast and parents prevented from getting work because no affordable child care is available locally", said Patrick.

"We don't need political parties patting themselves on the back and telling us how wonderful they are – we need representatives that will tackle poverty, prioritise working people and their families, work for better health and education services and help this area reach its full potential."

"It's time for them to move over and time for some real change in this area," said Patrick.