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Labour's plans for localism make no sense without radic...

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Sometimes my Twitter timeline is me thinking out loud. These posts were me thinking about how Labour's 'big idea' on localism might impact the way in which public services might be held to account:

 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 6m ...
Try as I might, I can't see how Labour's localism plan is going to have any relevance to defence spending.

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 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 8m ...
Social care is already devolved to local authorise in England and is failing because of a lack of money. So, without more money (and it says there won't be any) how is Labour's plan for localism going to solve the problems in social care?

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 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 12m ...
The problem with English schools is not going to solved by localism unless Labour gets rid of academy trusts. Is that the plan? If not, how is its plan for localism going to work for education?

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 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 14m ...
How will Labour's localism policy help the NHS in England? There are already wholly unaccountable NHS Trusts right across the country. What will change in that case?

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 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 5m ...
Policing is already devolved across the UK. So are fire services, as are ambulances via trust arrangements. These services are already under immense pressure, but without more money it seems Labour's plans for localism will do nothing for them.

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In that case, as I concluded:

 **Richard Murphy**  @RichardJMurphy · 3m ...
I can't see how Labour's plans for localism will help health, education, social care, policing, fire services, ambulances and quite a lot else unless trusts, academies and privatisation deals are scrapped and services are returned to local control. Is that Labour's plan?

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This plan just does not stack without radical reform to structures of the NHS and education in England and a lot more money in other cases. So what is it all about? Or is it another half-baked idea from a neoliberal party that does not want to accept that government can really do anything?