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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Consultant,

RE: CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of children's services; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Like you, I care deeply about the services our children receive and want to ensure that they have a future in which they can grow and thrive.

I appreciate your concerns about the funding for these services, and am pleased that in the 2019 Spending Review, the then Chancellor made an additional £1 billion available to help local authorities meet rising demand for both children and adult social care.

I also welcome that £84 million has been allocated over a period of five years to assist up to 20 local authorities to enhance their social care services, ensuring that they are able to engage more effectively with those who need support the most.

That said, I recognise that there needs to be a longer-term solution to ensure sustainable funding for children's social services. I welcome the conclusion of the review into the support available for children in need, which looked at what makes a difference to the educational outcomes of children in need and what works in practice to improve those outcomes.

I am assured that the findings of the review will be acted on to inform and improve policy. I hope this has provided a measure of reassurance and you can be assured that I will continue to closely monitor funding levels for children's social services and make the case for Northamptonshire, as I always have done.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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