



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

30th July 2021

Dear Constance,

RE: MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CANCER

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of psychological support for young people with cancer; your comments upon which I have read with great interest and compassion.

Please allow me to assure you that improving outcomes for patients diagnosed with this disease remains a key NHS priority: indeed, last December, my colleague, the Minister for Prevention, Public Health & Primary Care said that “the Government will stop at nothing to make childhood cancer a thing of the past for generations to come” - a commitment which I very firmly support.

I absolutely agree that we must do all we can to provide appropriate support to those suffering with cancer and their families. NHS cancer services for teenagers and young adults must meet a wide range of criteria which not only includes establishing clear care pathways and providing the best medical care, but also assigning a key worker and providing support at every stage. This includes ongoing physical and emotional support during, and after, treatment is finished.

I would of course be happy to work with colleagues across Parliament, as well as charities and health teams, to ensure that everything possible is done to ensure children and young people with cancer, as well as their families, have access to appropriate psychological support.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
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