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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: SOCIAL CARE WORKERS.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about pay for key workers in both the public and private sectors.

I share your admiration for frontline and other essential workers, across the public and private sectors alike, who have been making immense sacrifices to help those affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. Coronavirus is the most significant post-war challenge this country has faced and our key workers have been dedicated in their support to people across the country. I also pay enormous tribute to all those who are helping our world leading vaccination programme which has truly been a UK-wide effort.

I welcome the Government's commitment to supporting the low-paid and the decision to follow the recommendations of the independent Low Pay Commission and increase the National Living Wage (NLW) by 2.2 percent from £8.72 to £8.91. This increase has been effective from April 2021 and was extended to 23- and 24-year-olds for the first time.

In the Conservative Party Manifesto on which I was proud to stand, it was made clear that we must build the same level of consensus on social care that we have already built on the NHS, across political parties, so that an answer can be brought forward that solves the problem, commands the widest possible support, and stands the test of time. I stand by this commitment and urge my colleagues and constituents of all political beliefs and none to take part in the forthcoming national conversation about establishing a care system fit for the 21st Century.

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,

Tom

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