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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: CHILDREN WITH SIGHT LOSS.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of children with sight loss.

I believe that all disabled children, and their families should receive the support they need to lead fulfilling lives and be part of their community.

It is the responsibility of local authorities to commission habilitation services. Quality standards for the delivery of habilitation services for children and young people with a visual impairment were developed by the Royal National Institute for Blind People and are available for local authorities to use if they wish.

The Government recognises that regular sight tests are an important measure in preventing avoidable sight loss and free NHS sight tests are available to many, including children.

The Government has taken positive action to help young people with special education needs and disability (SEND) to receive more support. The Government's reforms place children and families at the heart of a more integrated system focused on improving outcomes for children and young people and giving families more involvement in decision making.

New measures require local authorities and local health services to commission education, health and social care services jointly and require local authorities to publish, in one place, a clear and easy to understand 'local offer' of education, health and social care services to support children and young people with SEND, and their families.

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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