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Childline

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me in support of NSPCC's Childline.

I agree that young people and children with mental health issues must be able to access mental health support outside of school and usual working hours. Organisations like Childline play an important role in providing early mental health support for young people 24 hours a day. However it is very concerning that currently Childline can currently only support three in every four children who contact the organisation.

When a child is brave enough to reach out to an organisation like Childline it is vital that the immediate response is that support is there for them. Childline need more resources to support the mental health needs of children coming to its service.

In the light of the role that Childline plays in supporting young people with mental health issues it is important therefore that the Government helps to ensure that Childline is equipped to meet the rising demand. Reflecting these concerns, I have raised this issue in a Parliamentary question to the Government. You can keep track of all my contribution in Parliament here

Thanks again to everyone who contacted me about Childline.

Best wishes,

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