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Dementia Action Week

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about Dementia Action Week.

Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are heart breaking and very cruel illnesses, and can be devastating for the people currently living with it, and the people who care for them every day.

That is why I welcome the Alzheimer Society's work in raising awareness about dementia. There are 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK and with dementia now the biggest killer in England and Wales, it is more important than ever to ensure that people living with dementia receive the help and support they need for independence and dignity.

However the way social care is provided to people with dementia is often fragmented and fails to meet the multiple needs of people living with dementia. As the Government plans to set out its approach to social care in its upcoming Green Paper on adult social care it is important that they consider the views of people affected by dementia and address the distinct issues they are currently facing.

Alongside my Labour colleagues I too will continue to press for the transformation of health and social care services that people with dementia, and their families, so badly need. Improving the quality of social care is a vital part of providing dignity in older age and independence and support for people who are vulnerable or have a disability or a mental health condition. These principles are central to Labour's vision of social care in our country and we will continue to press the Government to deliver social care that works for all.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about Dementia Action Week.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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