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Supporting children in need into adulthood

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about supporting children in need into adulthood.

Being 16 or 17 is undoubtedly a time of challenge and change in the life of a child. However, for too many older teenagers, who are classed as 'children in need' and dealing with issues like domestic violence, mental health problems and poverty, the support they receive is often inadequate. Help and support is often out of reach or it is not available when they need it or it doesn't last long enough to meet their needs.

All children deserve to receive the support they need to fulfil their potential, which means getting support right throughout childhood and as they make the transition to adulthood. We must do more to better support vulnerable 16 and 17 years olds to ensure that they receive the necessary support and reflecting these concerns I will be raising this issue in a Parliamentary question to the Government. You can keep track of all my contributions in Parliament <u>here</u>.

Thanks again to everyone who contacted me about on supporting children in need into adulthood.

Best wishes,

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