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Dementia Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about Alzheimer's Society's call for a dementia fund.

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. The work of organisations like Alzheimer's Society is vital in securing that support.

Social care for people with dementia in this country is sorely inadequate. Age UK estimates that 1,000 people are admitted to hospital each day as a result of poor care provision. The number of people receiving local authority-funded care has plummeted by 104,000 since 2015. The Social Care Green Paper, comprising a review of the social care system, and which was promised by the Government over two years ago, has still not been published. A proper review of social care provision is needed if we are to ensure that people who are living with dementia can afford to get the support that they need.

A Labour Government will introduce a National Care Service, providing an extra £8 billion to be invested in social care during the next Parliament, including 50,000 care packages for people with dementia. In the meantime, Labour will continue to hold the present Government to account.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

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

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