

EMAIL FOR YOU TO SEND TO YOUR MP

SUBJECT: Speak up for brain injury survivors and Headway in parliamentary debate

Dear [INSERT MP'S NAME HERE],

MPs will be debating Acquired Brain Injury in Westminster Hall on Thursday 4 December (1.30pm – 3.00pm) ahead of the Government's proposed Acquired Brain Injury Action Plan. This is a huge opportunity to have the voices of brain injury survivors and local Headway charities, many of which are under significant financial strains, heard in parliament and by government.

As your constituent, I urge you to speak up for brain injury survivors and Headway by contributing to the debate.

Local Headway charities provide vital rehabilitation, carer support, and community outreach, yet many face severe financial strain. Seven have closed in the last three years, and others are struggling to meet rising demand with shrinking resources. This debate is a crucial opportunity to ensure the ABI Action Plan tackles these challenges.

[Insert personal connection to brain injury and/or local Headway services. Providing details by personalising your email are more likely to encourage MPs to attend the debate]

The Government's planned Action Plan should address the financial and funding pressures facing independent Headway charities. Among other areas, it should also enhance support for brain injury survivors' loved ones and raising awareness of brain injury.

Over this parliament, around 1.8 million people will be admitted to hospital with an acquired brain injury. Without urgent action, survivors and their loved ones will continue to fall through the gaps.

How you can help:

- Attend the debate and speak up for brain injury survivors and local Headway services.
- Contact Headway UK's Policy and Public Affairs Manager for a tailored briefing (richard.wood@headway.org.uk).
- Consider becoming a Headway Parliamentary Champion to help drive policy change.

Headway UK supports a network of over 100 local Headway charities and volunteer-led branches across the UK and the Channel Islands. These local charities provide a wide range of services, including rehabilitation programmes, carer support, social re-integration, community outreach and respite care to survivors and families in their own communities.

Thank you for reading my email. I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

[YOUR NAME]

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