**We Need To Talk: Template email/letter to your MP**

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Below is some suggested text which you can adapt to suit your local context.

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| Subject line: 'We need to talk'- Children's Commissioner Report on access to speech and language therapyDear Mr/Ms X**'We need to talk'- Children's Commissioners’ report on access to speech and language therapy** You may be aware that the Children’s Commissioner for England has recently published a report on access to speech and language therapy, entitled We Need To Talk. The report found that:* [INSERT RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM KEY FACTS DOCUMENT]

I fully support the report and am writing to ask if you could please also do the same and work to influence the Government to implement the recommendations nationally as well as influence local decision-makers to address the issues it highlights locally.More than 10% of children and young people have long-term speech, language and communication needs and in areas of social disadvantage over 50% of children start school with delayed language or other identified communication needs. There will, therefore, be many such children and young people in your constituency. Unless they receive the speech and language therapy they need, their mental health and wellbeing, educational attainment, social mobility, and employment prospects are at risk. Young people are also at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system.As a speech and language therapist, I work hard to reduce these risks and to improve the lives of children and young people in your constituency who have speech, language and communication needs.I would welcome the opportunity to meet you to discuss this report in more depth. I look forward to hearing from you.Yours sincerely,Your Name |