**Text for letter or email to your MP**

Dear X,

***Delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time for your constituents: extending prescribing responsibilities***

As one of your constituents, and as a X, I am writing to ask you to lend your backing to the recently launched #PrescribingNow campaign.

I understand that the British Dietetic Association, the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, the British and Irish Orthoptic Society, the Society of Radiographers, the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists have written to you collectively on this issue. I fully support their call and hope you can press the government to move forward with extending independent prescribing responsibilities for dietitians, occupational therapists, orthoptists, diagnostic radiographers, and speech and language therapists where it is safe and appropriate to do so within the scope of their professional practice.

As you know, this simple reform would help your constituents to receive more timely care from the allied health professionals working with them. It would ease pressure on GPs and other healthcare professionals by removing the need for them to undertake unnecessary admin which the allied health professionals working with your constituents could do. It would also support the professional development of allied health professionals by devolving decision-making to them and giving them greater freedom to do their job rather than having bureaucracy getting in the way of them treating patients in as quick a way as possible.

Extending independent prescribing responsibilities is a simple reform and one which could have many benefits for your constituents, the healthcare professionals working with them and the wider health and care system. So, I do hope you are able to support the #PrescribingNow campaign.

You can do this in two ways:

* Express your support on social media using the #PrescribingNow hashtag and dedicated graphic accessible on the campaign’s dedicated webpage: https://www.rcslt.org/policy/england/campaigns
* Use the template letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care that I understand you have been sent, but which is also accessible on the webpage.

If you need any assistance with this, please contact elissa.cregan@rcslt.org

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Yours sincerely,