**Steve Jamieson**

**RCSLT Chief Executive**

Thanks very much, Chris, both for words today and for everything else you’re doing.

And, hello everyone, I’m Steve Jamieson, Chief Executive of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

After the fantastic speeches we’ve just heard, I’m not sure there’s much I can add.

But I did want to say thank you.

First, a big thank you to Saqib for hosting this event for us, and to the staff in his office, particularly Zara and Jordan, who have done so much to make today happen.

Massive thanks especially to Mikey and Chris for all their incredible and tireless advocacy.

Between them they have set out better than I ever could both why these issues matter – and what can be achieved when people can access the speech and language therapy they require.

So, Chris and Mikey, thank you from us all at the RCSLT.

And, finally, a big thank you to all of you for coming – we very much appreciate all you are doing to raise awareness and improve people’s lives.

As Irma said, ‘Together, we can make a difference.’

The RCSLT looks forward to continuing working with you to make sure we do.

Thank you.