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The Right Honourable Wes Streeting MP
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Subject: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board – Pause on Autism Assessments

Dear Wes,

Following the Government's decision to give NHS Integrated Care Boards the authority to limit provider activity to help manage local budgets, several of my constituents have contacted me to say that after years on waiting lists, they have now been advised that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB have paused all new autism assessment bookings as part of an effort to manage financial pressures.

You will appreciate the severe impact that this is having on young people and their families in my constituencies and across Hampshire. One constituent told me that his son has already been waiting for over two years for an assessment. After being referred under the Right to Choose pathway, he thought that they were finally progressing to accessing the support that his child needs. He understandably feels the system is failing his family.

Another constituent told me, 'Families like mine are doing everything possible to get our children the support they deserve, but we are being pushed to breaking point. It feels incredibly unfair that those of us who applied in good faith and have already waited far longer than promised are now being penalised again because of system-level decisions.'

Families have not been told when these assessments will be recommenced and how long they are likely to have to wait – this is frankly unacceptable given the vulnerability of these children and the numerous other challenges these parents are already having to contend with.

I would be grateful if you could advise me what alternative action is going to be taken to ensure that young people in my constituency have swift access to autism assessments and assure me that you are in dialogue with Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB to ensure that the most vulnerable young people are not suffering as a result of improper resourcing in our local health services.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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