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**2nd anniversary of the
Care Review
CAMPAIGN PACK**



What is It's Our Care?

- A platform for you to share your experiences and campaign for change
- A way to ensure your voices are heard by policymakers and the public
- Support for you to articulate the changes, and pace of change, needed to the children's social care system



What's happening on the second anniversary of the Care Review?

Thursday 23rd May 2024 marks the second anniversary of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care.

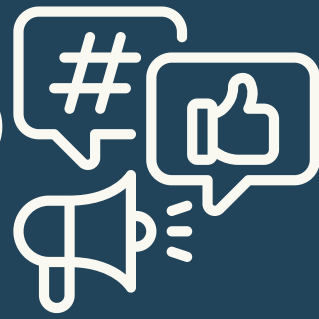
We want to mark the day by telling the Minister for Children and MPs that not enough has changed since the Review was published.

There are lots of ways that you can do this. Find out more in this pack!



Activity 1

Send a message to the Minister



We want to send a powerful message from young people to the Minister for Children, David Johnston MP, about the lack of change to the children's social care system.

Can you record a message for the Minister? Tell him what's changed for you in two years (if anything), and what still needs to change.

- Your message can be up to 60 seconds long
- You can record a video or audio message
- Please send it in a WhatsApp to your charity contact person by Sunday 18th May or email it to youthvoice@actionforchildren.org.uk
- We will put your messages together to send to the Minister on X, Instagram and LinkedIn on 23rd May
- Let us know if you'd like to record your video message wearing an It's Our Care t-shirt and we'll send you one in the post!



Activity 2

Find your MP



MPs and Lords



Find your MP - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament

Enter your postcode, location, MPs name or job title to find the name and contact details of your local MP.

 parliament.uk

Click on the picture above or scan the QR code to find out who your local MP is.

You could do some research into their background and try to find out what their main interests/focuses are.



Tweet your MP



Now that you've found your MP, tell them that more needs to be done to improve the children's social care system on or after the day of the 2nd anniversary of the Care Review (23rd May - not before!).

Tweet your MP:



Activity 2.2

Arrange a meeting with your MP



You could try to arrange a meeting with your MP in your local area to discuss the lack of change to the children's social care system in the two years since the Care Review.

A lot of MPs hold their surgeries (where they meet their constituents) on Fridays. You could ask to go to their surgery on Friday 24th May, the day after the 2nd anniversary, if it's happening. Scan the QR code below:

Email your MP:



Did your MP sign the It's Our Care pledge?



The following MPs signed this pledge two years ago:

I pledge to listen and act upon the expertise of children and young people with care experience, ensuring that their views shape a fairer care system which respects, protects and allows children and young people to thrive in life.

Caroline Ansell MP
Steve Baker MP
Paula Barker MP
Saqib Bhatti MP
Ian Byrne MP
Sarah Champion MP
Simon Clarke MP
Wayne David MP
Tan Dhesi MP
Clive Efford MP
Marion Fellows MP
Helen Hayes MP
Kevin Hollinrake MP
George Howarth MP
Diana Johnson MP
Kim Johnson MP
Andrew Jones MP
Barbara Keeley MP
Rebecca Long-Bailey MP
Caroline Lucas MP
Tim Loughton MP
Rachel Maskell MP
Steve McCabe MP
Huw Merriman MP
Bridget Phillipson MP
Will Quince MP
Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP
Gavin Robinson MP
Selaine Saxby MP
Cat Smith MP
Jeff Smith MP
Karin Smyth MP
Zarah Sultana MP
Lord Mike Watson
Catherine West MP
Bill Wiggin MP
Munira Wilson MP
Rosie Winterton MP
Nadhim Zahawi MP

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The UK Parliament is made up of three parts:

- the House of Commons
- the House of Lords
- the Monarch (AKA King Charles)

Parliament represents our interests and makes sure they are considered by the Government.

The House of Commons is where Members of Parliament (MPs) meet. There are 650 MPs and they are elected by us, the people.

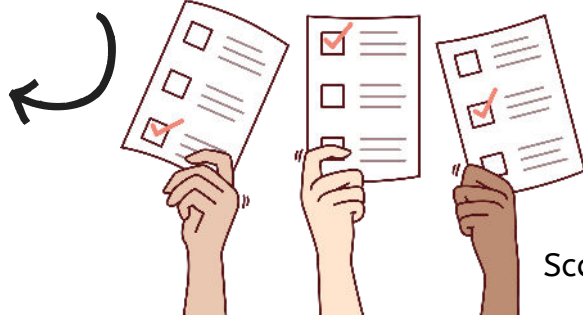
Each MP represents a different part of the country, called a constituency. A constituency can be a town, part of a large city or a large rural area. To make it fair, constituencies are designed to have about the same number of people in each one, so that MPs each represent around the same number of people.

MPs represent a political party.

General elections usually take place every five years, although the Government can decide to hold an early election if they feel it is necessary, and as long as two thirds of MPs agree. (The next election will be some time this year.)

Before an election, parties publish a manifesto to let voters know what they stand for.

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The UK, like many other countries, is a **democracy**.

This means we can vote for who makes the laws and runs the country.

The House of Commons is made up of the MPs we vote for in general elections, which usually take place every five years.

MPs represent their constituents – the people in the area where they were elected – in the UK Parliament.

The leader of the party with the most MPs usually becomes the Prime Minister after a general election.

MPs represent all the people in their constituency, even the ones who voted for a different candidate.

The Prime Minister chooses the other members of the Government.

The Government makes decisions about new laws and about how the country should be run.

MPs are elected by the voters in their constituency, to represent their interests and concerns in the House of Commons.

MPs raise issues affecting their constituents by making speeches, questioning government ministers, or by openly supporting and highlighting particular campaigns which their constituents feel strongly about.

Ministers are members of government who are in charge of a certain department (e.g. the Department of Education, the Department of Health, or the Ministry of Defence).



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