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The Rt Hon. Matt Hancock MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
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Dear Matt,

RE: Mental Health Support

I write on behalf of Mind and on behalf of constituents who have contacted me regarding mental health support moving forward. This follows a virtual roundtable, organised by Mind and attended by the Minister for Mental Health, that I joined recently on the impact of coronavirus on mental health, where I had the opportunity to learn more from people's lived experiences and to hear more on their views about the importance of putting mental health at the heart of the recovery from coronavirus.

Mind has set out five key priorities for rebuilding following the pandemic:

1. Invest in community services - extra investment for local mental health and social care services in England to help people stay well.
2. Protect those most at risk - targeted support for groups most at risk of developing mental health problems as a result of the crisis.
3. Reform the Mental Health Act - implement the 2018 Independent Review's recommendations to reform the Mental Health Act.
4. Provide a financial safety net - act to prevent people with mental health problems falling into poverty.
5. Support children and young people - understand the impact of the pandemic on young people's mental health and put this at the heart of the recovery.

I should be grateful if you could consider these points, and provide me with a response to allow me to report back to Mind and to those constituents who have contacted me on this important issue.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn'.

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