

Campaign Update April 2023

RIGHTS FOR RESIDENTS

Campaign groups have met several times with the DHSC and the Minister for Care, Helen Whately, in the last few months.

They're definitely listening to our concerns and proposals and are still working to identify a legal route that will give us what we're asking for. We're standing firm that we want everyone to have the right to an Essential Care Supporter.

We're still pushing for a meeting with the Health Minister, Will Quince, to discuss how Gloria's Law could work across health and care settings.

**Date for your MP's Diary
Tuesday 6th June**



Ten Minute Rule Bill

Through our work with MPs Dan Carden, Tracey Crouch, Daisy Cooper and Liz Saville Roberts, a Ten Minute Rule Bill has been scheduled for **Tuesday 6th June**

To promote the Bill and highlight our campaign even further, an event has been arranged in parliament at 10am on the same day to which we urge you to invite your MP asap.

We're putting together a template email/invite for you to send to your MP updating them and inviting them to attend the event.
(Details to follow on FB next week).

Dan Carden MP and his assistant Gabriel, continue to champion our campaign in Parliament.

Regular meetings with them are invaluable. The cross-party MPs that support our call have also had meetings with the Care Minister and are in talks with Steve Brine, Chair of the Health & Social Care Committee. They're discussing how best to work together to progress the campaign, while awaiting a promised meeting with Will Quince.

Almost 70 charities and organisations have now signed up in support of the call for Gloria's Law (the right to maintain contact).

New partnerships are also being forged and we're now having regular meetings with the Care Provider's Alliance. We're coming together to iron out concerns and ensure proposed legislation is workable and realistic.

John's Campaign have secured pro bono legal support from a specialist barrister and legal chambers in London.

He is helping the campaign groups and MPs draft the wording for the 10 Minute Rule Bill and proposed legislation. His expert advice is vital to pre-empt any objections and find ways to counter them prior to launching the Bill. This will help convince Ministers that we have workable legislation that could easily be adapted by the DHSC.

The Relatives & Residents Association (with whom we have now merged) have core participant status in the Covid Public Inquiry.

We'll be asking you to participate in a survey very soon – that's part of the evidence gathering process to feed into the inquiry. We all remain committed to ensuring that lessons must be learned from what happened to our loved ones during the pandemic.