



Rights For Residents Campaign Update

Campaign groups continue to meet with Care Minister Helen Whately and the DHSC, to identify a legal route that would ensure we have a right to maintain contact with a care supporter in health and care settings (Gloria's Law). We're still pushing for a meeting with Health Minister, Will Quince, to discuss how legislation could work across health and care settings.

We're off to Parliament again!

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 10 am on the same day. Please use our template email to invite your MP to the Parliamentary debate and reading of the Bill on 6th June. It's a simple and quick action that will be a huge help to the campaign. **(Just click the link in the above FB post)**

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

The group of cross-party MPs that support our call for Gloria's Law have 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 progress the campaign, while awaiting a promised meeting with Health Minister, 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 with a care supporter in health and care settings).

New partnerships across the health and care sector are also being forged. We're now having regular meetings with the Care Provider's Alliance that represents 70% of care providers. We're working together to iron out concerns and ensure proposed legislation is workable, realistic and well supported.

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

He's 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.

Rights For Residents In the media

Last month our campaign for Gloria's Law was featured on the front page and a double page spread of the Daily Mirror with the headline "Families whose loved ones died "lonely and scared" in care homes have joined forces to say "never again".



RFR Ambassador, actress Ruthie Henshall continues to speak out in the media

Guardian April 10th: *'While MPs were drinking and snogging, I was waving at Mum through a care home window'*

Ruthie also appeared on the TV show Loose Women to highlight our call for legal change:

rightsforresidents.co.uk/news/



The Relatives & Residents Association (with whom we have now merged) have core participant status in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

We're running [a survey](#) as part of the work for the Inquiry, gathering evidence on the impact of the pandemic on access to healthcare services (e.g. hospitals, GPs, dentists) for those living in care homes. As your testimonies are important we want to ensure they're heard in the official inquiry so please complete the survey on Facebook.

