

(Name of MP)..... MP
House of Commons
London
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Date:

Dear (name of MP)

As one of your constituents and a spinal cord injured (SCI) person, I am writing to ask you to support **Early Day Motion 602: Independent Living for People with Disabilities**

I am very concerned about policies that are being introduced by some NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities which place artificial financial limits on the care packages they will provide in the community, arbitrarily reducing care packages for individuals with high levels of need to reduce budgets. These policies will undermine health, well-being and independence, and could force disabled people to choose between inadequate care in the community or having to move into residential care.

These policies could undo the progress made by disabled people in the last 50 years. For SCI people with high care needs, this is a major threat not only to independence and the ability to contribute positively to society, but also a very serious threat to health and even to life itself. Without adequate care there is a high risk of very serious and life-threatening complications of SCI, which can be prevented by an appropriate care package. These policies create a presumption towards residential care and towards “standard” (ie low to medium) care packages for individuals with high needs – some of the most vulnerable in society.

The EDM calls on the Government to urgently review the resources it makes available to health and social care providers and those receiving care funded by self-directed personal budgets or personal health budgets, to ensure that they have sufficient resources to fulfil their statutory obligations without undoing the progress disabled people have made in living independently and playing a full part in their communities.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could support independent living for disabled people by signing this EDM on behalf of myself and your many other disabled constituents and their families.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request and the interests of spinal cord injured and many other disabled people

Yours sincerely,

Signed: