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Sarah Champion MP Demands Funding to Support Victims of Exploitation

Following the revelations revealed by Professor Alexis Jay's report in Rotherham last week, Sarah Champion MP once again stood up for victims today, calling on the government to keep make sure vital services are fully funded.

Speaking in Parliament, Sarah Champion appealed directly to the Chancellor to make a commitment to secure additional funding for child protection, both in Rotherham and nationally.

During the urgent question session with Theresa May, Rotherham's MP spoke of her anger at the authorities care failures and asked for the Home Secretary's to work with her to ensure that abusers still on the streets are brought to justice and victims get the support previously denied to them.

Sarah Champion MP later met Professor Alexis Jay, author of the report, to discuss the steps needed locally and nationally to prevent and support victims of this vile crime.

Sarah Champion MP commented:

"Children in my constituency have been let down appallingly by those charged with protecting them. We need to send a clear message that abusers will be prosecuted, those being abused will be listened to, and victims who were brushed aside identified, and given the support they deserve. If we are to protect our children, services must be fully funded and frontline staff given the tools they need to keep kids safe. I am glad the Government have today given me assurances that they will work with me to make sure this happens."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Sarah Champion MP spoke in Parliament this week on children services during Treasury Questions and during an Urgent Question on Child Sexual Abuse in Rotherham.

Transcripts of 'Treasury Questions' are available from Hansard at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/todays-commons-debates/read/unknown/195/>

Transcripts of the Urgent Question on Child Sexual Abuse in Rotherham are available from Hansard at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/todays-commons-debates/read/unknown/49/>

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