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Six months after the Jay Report, Rotherham MP secures debate in Parliament to press Government on resources for CSE victims

Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, will next week demand the Government provide resources to existing child sexual exploitation victims in her constituency. Sarah is also calling for funding for a national task force to tackle abuse, after securing a House of Commons debate.

Exactly 6 months after the Jay report, on Thursday 26th February, Sarah will challenge the Government on their lack of support for the town. The debate follows on from a meeting she had with the Prime Minister earlier this month, in which she asked him for more finance to support victims of CSE in Rotherham. David Cameron appeared responsive to her proposals, but now Sarah is looking for a firm commitment from the Government rather than just warm words.

Sarah will also use the debate to highlight her idea that a national task force is the only way to deal with child abuse in the future. In January, Sarah brought this issue up with the Home Secretary in a Commons debate. She told Theresa May that local police forces do not have the capacity to cope with investigations and a national task force was the only way to handle the scope of reports. By having specialists who can be immediately deployed when the police are approached with a complex case the investigation would hit the ground running.

Speaking ahead of the debate, Sarah said:

"I have consistently been raising the issue of further resources for months but we are still waiting to see any action from the Government. I have raised questions to David Cameron, Theresa May and George Osborne about funding for CSE victims in Rotherham, all of whom gave warm words, but I now want to see a firm commitment from them."

"I have been working consistently to do all I can for the many victims and survivors who have come to me for help, but further finance is needed. I hope by securing this debate in Parliament next Thursday the Government will finally take notice and provide the support that victims and survivors deserve. We are 6 months on from the Jay Report, that's a long time to be waiting."

"Looking to the future, I firmly believe that a national task force is the only solution. It will give victims and survivors the best support and allow them the confidence to come forward and get justice. The Government need to put plans in place now, to help ensure that this country never again has to suffer like the people of Rotherham have."

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