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**Sarah Champion
Member of Parliament for Rotherham
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**SARAH CHAMPION MP PLEDGES SUPPORT TO IMPROVE CARE FOR
TERMINALLY ILL**

Rotherham MP Sarah Champion has pledged to address the concerns of local people with a terminal illness by lending her support to Marie Curie's campaign calling for the right for everyone to have palliative care if they need it.

Sarah teamed up with Marie Curie Nurse Sally Monger-Godfrey and renowned impressionist Jon Culshaw to back the campaign as Marie Curie revealed that more than half of people over the age of 50 in the UK – of whom there are 26 million – are not confident that they will get the care they need towards the end of their life.

One in four people each year miss out as they are not referred to the right services and to prevent this figure from increasing, Marie Curie is calling for a change in the way care is provided.

Sarah said: "I am proud to support Marie Curie's campaign as more needs to be done to ensure that people with a terminal illness get access to the high quality care and support they need and deserve."

Jon Culshaw, a valued supporter of Marie Curie, said: "Like most of us, I believe that everyone should have the right to palliative care when they need it. That's why I'm supporting Marie Curie's campaign to make this a reality."

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Notes to Editors:

The Marie Curie Support Line is on 0800-090-2309 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm or mariecurie.org.uk/help.