

8 May 2019



Rt. Hon. Philip Hammond MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
HM Treasury
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Our Ref: SC7065

Dear Philip,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the APPG on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.

Over the last six months, the APPG has been running an inquiry into the experiences of survivors in accessing support services and the criminal justice system. Data was gathered in various ways: a survey of 365 survivors; direct testimony from 12 survivors in Parliament; evidence from the sector including the Victims Commissioner, The Survivors Trust, NHS, and Victim Support; written evidence from survivors, academics and specialist third sector organisations.

The data we have collated has been drafted into three reports to be released through 2019. On Tuesday 7 May we launched the first report, which looks at the quality and availability of information and support for survivors. I have enclosed a copy of the report along with this letter.

I am writing to you specifically regarding the recommendations that I believe falls within the purview of the Treasury, while recognising it is a cross-departmental response that is required to improve outcomes for survivors.

An economic and social cost analysis of child sexual abuse.

- The Home Office should commission and publish research on the economic and social costs of child sexual abuse. There is precedent with recent research on the cost to society of domestic abuse.
- Such research should mirror Professor Sylvia Walby's methodology and assess the costs to the economy of lost economic output, expenditure on public services, and the human and emotional costs of child sexual abuse.
- Research should attempt to understand the financial impact on the individual. This will highlight the severity of child sexual abuse, recognising the duty for Government to act is a fiscal one as well as a moral one.
- The Treasury must apportion resources commensurate with reducing costs, both to the individual and society.

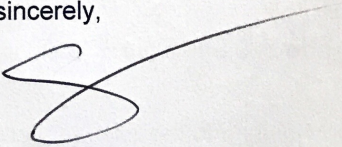
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A strategic fund in the upcoming Spending Review.

- The upcoming Spending Review for 2020-2023 should create a discrete, cross-departmental strategic fund to transform Government response to child sexual abuse. This should fund core services to meet demand and recognise the value of the specialist voluntary sector.

I would welcome a response from your Department regarding the recommendations and would be pleased to discuss further with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line that curves upwards and to the right.

Sarah Champion MP.

Chair of the APPG on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.