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Dear XXXX,

I am a survivor of childhood sexual abuse/supporter of survivors of sexual abuse/a parent/ a concerned citizen living in your constituency. As my local MP, I am keen to know your plans for ensuring better protection for children and support for survivors.

**I urge you to support #ActOnIICSA to prevent child sexual abuse in your constituency.**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) outlined 20 recommendations to help protect the 500,000 children in the UK who are sexually abused each year<sup>i</sup>. **However, 12 months later, not one of these recommendations has been adopted in full.**

At present there is no one responsible for overseeing and implementing the recommendations made by IICSA – this must change so that we can better protect our future generations.

**We are calling on your support to urge the government to:**

- **To set up a Child Protection Agency (CPA)**
- **To appoint a cabinet level minister for children to oversee the Child Protection Agency**

These two actions are critical to ensure there is accountability and oversight to improve the protection of children in the UK through the adoption of the full package of IICSA recommendations which also includes better support for adult survivors.

Nicole, a survivor who shared her experience with the inquiry said, “***the responses to my disclosure have caused me a lifetime of struggle***”. Doing nothing means more lives will be adversely impacted by child sexual abuse and more adults never reaching their true potential.

The inquiry, which cost £186.6m<sup>ii,iii</sup>, concluded that over a period of decades, children in England and Wales were let down by State and non-State institutions and subjected to the most horrific sexual abuse by people they should have been able to trust. For many, their trauma was further compounded by the inaction of those they told and the knowledge that the abuser/s went on to harm other children with impunity.

The government estimates the economic and social cost of child sexual abuse to be £10.1 billion<sup>iv</sup> a year.

The IICSA report concluded that "child protection must be given a much greater priority in public life". Survivors told the independent inquiry that they do not want other children to go through what they went through. *Kallum told the inquiry, “It’s too late for me, but we’ve got to stop this stuff.”*

**It's time we all #ActOnIICSA to implement the changes needed to protect our children.**

Yours sincerely,

### **Supporting Information**

[www.iicsa.org.uk/reports-recommendations/publications.html](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/reports-recommendations/publications.html)

[www.csacentre.org.uk/documents/child-sexual-abuse-in-2021-22-trends-in-official-data/](http://www.csacentre.org.uk/documents/child-sexual-abuse-in-2021-22-trends-in-official-data/)

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<sup>i</sup> [www.csacentre.org.uk/our-research/the-scale-and-nature-of-csa/infographics/](http://www.csacentre.org.uk/our-research/the-scale-and-nature-of-csa/infographics/)

<sup>ii</sup> [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-63307015](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-63307015)

<sup>iii</sup> [www.iicsa.org.uk/news.html](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/news.html)

<sup>iv</sup> [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-economic-and-social-cost-of-contact-child-sexual-abuse](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-economic-and-social-cost-of-contact-child-sexual-abuse)