

Dear Mr Case,

Thank you for your recent correspondence, and for taking the time to explain so well and so fully the events leading to the diagnosis of your son Cian with Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid, and describing his subsequent treatment and care.

At the outset let me extend my own good wishes to Cian, and to you and your family, in confronting the diagnosis and working through the challenging treatment. I have been keeping abreast of Cian's progress via the facebook page, which is also hugely informative and must be a help to others and their families who may face a similar diagnosis. Cian looks like a fantastic young boy, and he clearly has wonderful support from his family and friends.

When I heard from you originally, I wrote to the Leader of the House to support a debate in parliament. I am glad that the debate, in response to the well-supported petition and representations from parliamentarians, has indeed been secured.

However, as you may be aware, I will not be able to speak in the debate as my departure from Westminster as a Member of Parliament is imminent and I will no longer be an MP. I will however seek – with your permission – to ask a colleague to raise Cian's situation in support of the campaign. Please let me know if you would be content with this. It is a highly unusual circumstance, but it may be possible to organise, and certainly Cian's story would add greatly to the debate and to furthering the campaign.

Certainly, if I am fortunate to be elected to the National Assembly, I intend to continue my support for early diagnosis and investment in research and treatment of cancer, and of rare diseases. There will always be competing demands on health priorities, but that is why the case needs to be regularly made.

Thank you also for describing, in your own words: "The exceptional care that Cian has received from the staff and volunteers from the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales and Velindre Cancer Centre; The amazing response by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council and Llanharan Primary School to ensure Cian's longer term community needs are considered; [and] the overwhelming support we have received from the community of Llanharan (and surrounding communities)."

It is reassuring that – even at times of unprecedented pressure on our health and social care systems – Cian is able to receive such wonderful support and treatment.

In your response, could you please include my other email (huw4ogmore@gmail.com) which will continue when I have stepped down from parliament. My parliamentary emails will be shut-down.

My best wishes to you, and to Cian, and I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Yours Sincerely,

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