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Subject: Urgent: Strengthen HPV Cancer Prevention in NHS Cancer Plan - 100,000+ Lives at Stake

Dear [MP Name],

I am writing as your constituent about a critical opportunity in the NHS Cancer Plan to prevent thousands of cancer cases in [constituency name] and across the UK.

The HPV vaccine is our only cancer prevention vaccine, yet current policy focuses primarily on cervical cancer, missing 76% of preventable HPV cancers.

The facts are stark:

- We prevent just 2,641 cervical cancers while 6,057 other preventable HPV cancers occur annually
- Head and neck cancers are now the largest group of HPV-linked cancers in the UK
- 6,339 men and 2,359 women develop preventable HPV cancers beyond cervical
- Every unvaccinated child today faces a 1 in 20 lifetime risk of HPV cancer

## The UK lags behind other nations:

• UK coverage: 56% girls, 50% boys

• Denmark: 80% girls, 76% boys

• Australia: 82% girls, 79% boys

The government's own analysis shows 100,000+ cancers could be prevented by 2058 with improved vaccine coverage. Every percentage point of increased coverage saves lives.

The NHS Cancer Plan is being finalised now. I urgently request you advocate for it to include:

- 1. **HPV messaging for all genders** addressing all six preventable cancer types, not just cervical
- Improved school-based vaccination programmes to reach 90%+ coverage
- 3. **Funded catch-up programme** for all under-25s who missed vaccination
- 4. Healthcare provider education on HPV cancer risks for both men and women
- 5. **Annual coverage targets** with clear accountability measures

**The economic case:** Cancer treatment costs far exceed prevention. Every pound spent on vaccination saves many more in avoided treatment costs while protecting lives.

**Personal impact:** [Optional: I know someone affected by HPV-related cancer / I have children who deserve protection / specific local connection]

Countries achieving high coverage are on track to eliminate HPV cancers. The UK risks being left behind, with thousands of preventable cases occurring each year.

Please confirm you will champion comprehensive HPV cancer prevention with the Health Secretary before the Cancer Plan is finalised. Time is critical - every month of delay means more preventable cancers.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[NAME] [Full address]