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Dear Mr Drakeford

Re: Summer holidays and key workers

I have been contacted by constituents who are key workers and who have just been told that the childcare hubs that have operated throughout the Covid 19 crisis will cease to do so during the summer holidays.

This situation has been compounded by your decision to extend shielding for vulnerable people until August. This means that many grandparents who would normally provide childcare through the school holidays are not able to do so.

This has left many people facing a perfect storm – being key workers in the health service or other essential roles yet unable to have their children looked after. They are now facing the possibility of being unable to work through the holidays which, apart from being financially impossible for many, would also see our NHS and other crucial services deprived of essential staff.

Can you please have another look at the option of keeping perhaps a reduced hub service going for those workers who have no other option for childcare as their usual providers are not available because of shielding.

Yours sincerely

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