

I'm hoping that you will commit to supporting me, The Brain Tumour Charity and the entire brain tumour community in achieving the aims outlined below, if elected on the 8 June.

I'm asking that you support:

1. Guaranteed access to EU research funding after Brexit

- It's crucial that brain tumour researchers can make applications for EU research funding.
- This helps ensure that investment in research into brain tumours goes further and encourages collaboration.
- Access to EU research funding should be guaranteed, even after Brexit.

2. Improved awareness to drive early diagnosis

- Greater awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children and teenagers is vital to driving earlier diagnosis, saving lives and reducing long-term disabilities.
- HeadSmart, an awareness campaign run by The Brain Tumour Charity, has helped reduce average diagnosis times of childhood brain tumours from 9.1 weeks to 6.5, but more needs to be done.

3. Ensuring equal access to the best treatments

- 5-ALA (the pink drink) makes tumour cells glow under ultraviolet light, enabling more accurate removal of tumour tissue and causing less damage to surrounding healthy tissue.
- 5-ALA is currently only available to some patients undergoing surgery for a high grade glioma.
- Unfortunately, not all hospital trusts fund access to 5-ALA – this needs to change so that all patients who are suitable for the treatment, receive it.

4. Delivering fair access to benefits for those in need

- Recent changes to bereavement benefits mean widowed parents can now only receive payments for up to 18 months after a partner's death.
- To provide financial security at an incredibly difficult and emotional time, Bereavement Support Payment should be made available for up to ten years.

For too long brain tumours have been ignored. By pledging your support to these asks, you will be taking the first step towards making a significant impact in improving diagnosis, treatment and care of people in our constituency who live with this devastating disease.