

Dear [insert MP's full name] MP,

As a member of your constituency, I am getting in touch ahead of the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill debate on **Monday 12th March**, to ask you to support a cross-party amendment - which would provide crucial support to tens of thousands of people with mental health problems.

The Breathing Space debt respite scheme included in this Bill has great potential but does not go far enough to protect people in mental health crisis who are too unwell to seek debt advice.

Following the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute's Recovery Space campaign, and with the support of 20 national organisations, Johnny Mercer MP, Luciana Berger MP and Norman Lamb MP have tabled cross-party amendments to the Bill, that would extend the Breathing Space scheme to everyone in receipt of NHS mental health crisis services. The amendments can be found here: bit.ly/FGCBill2018

This would make a huge difference to many lives, and I urge you to register your support for the amendment ahead of Monday's debate to help us bring about this change.

Best wishes,

[Your full name]

[Your address & postcode]