**Draft template letter for MPs to send to Wes Streeting**

Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care

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Dear Secretary of State,

***Extending prescribing responsibilities to more allied health professionals***

I am writing to express my support for the #PrescribingNow campaign following requests by constituents for independent prescribing responsibilities to be extended to more allied health professionals.

Given such an extension would help reduce pressures on the healthcare system and support better and more timely care for my constituents, I urge you to use the powers you have under the Medicines and Medical Devices Act (2021) to extend independent prescribing responsibilities to dietitians, occupational therapists, orthoptists, diagnostic radiographers, speech and language therapists, osteopaths, prosthetists and orthotists, and operating department practitioners.

It is a practical measure you can take to support patients and bolster other health professionals, such as GPs. It will help remove barriers that get in the way of what matters to patients, including reducing the amount of time that clinicians spend on time-consuming admin, helping patients to get the medicines they need more quickly, as well as devolving decision-making to the allied healthcare professionals, where it is safe and appropriate to do within the scope of their professional practice.

Please help our NHS, care workforce professionals and patients by enabling more allied health professionals independently prescribe.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Yours sincerely,