

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your email. I would be delighted to meet with you following the General Election should I be re-elected. This election has delayed the Domestic Abuse Bill and Parliament must do all it can upon its return to ensure it is given the scrutiny it needs and is passed as soon as possible. This Bill is essential and it must work to support all those affected by domestic violence. I absolutely agree that funding for sexual and domestic violence services should be ring fenced in order to ensure that Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services and all other organisations can continue their important work.

I will of course support the White Ribbon pledge. I am well aware of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Nottinghamshire, following the publication of its findings I met with the Leader of Notts County Council Cllr Kay Cutts and the Chief Executive Anthony May and I am satisfied that they have done everything they can to keep children in care safe. Earlier this year I also secured an Urgent Question in the House of Commons on requests by the police for victims of rape to provide their mobile phone and other digital devices. Rape is among the most serious and heinous of crimes, victims of it should not be treated like the accused. If re-elected I will continue to raise these issues in Parliament and at the highest level.

All good wishes,

Anna