Dear General Election Candidate,

Anyone who has survived the trauma of a brain injury or stroke should be able to get the support they need to rebuild their shattered lives, no matter where they live.

But years of underinvestment in community rehabilitation services and a failure to implement national policy have left thousands of survivors and families feeling lost and abandoned on their recovery journey.

When elected, I am asking you to uphold the human rights of brain injury survivors under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and give them the chance to live life to its full potential.

You can do this by committing in the Programme for Government to fully deliver on the Neuro-rehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework 2019 – 2021.

In support of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland’s ‘Fight for our Lives’ campaign and as a member of your electoral constituency, I am calling on you to:

1. Raise awareness of the rehabilitation needs of people with a brain injury and their families in the Dáil.
2. Advocate to prioritise funding for long term rehabilitation services for people with brain injury, to address the massive gaps and postcode lottery for services.
3. Making Acquired Brain Injury Ireland financially sustainable, so that we can continue to deliver in the community.

I kindly request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter and, in your response, outline your or your party’s policy position in this regard.

Kind regards,

[Include your name here]

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