YOUR FULL ADDRESS

YOUR POSTCODE

DATE

Dear (**MSP NAME**),

**Every second counts: Tackling inequalities in resuscitation**

My names is (**YOUR NAME**) and I am a constituent of (**CONSTITUENCY**). I am writing to request your support in tackling inequalities in resuscitation.

A cardiac arrest is the ultimate medical emergency, where the heart stops beating, and the individual is clinically dead. Out-of-hospital cardiac arrests affect over 100,000 patients per year in the UK. Despite advances in resuscitation science in combination with increased bystander CPR, survival rates in the UK remain stubbornly low, with fewer than one in ten people surviving ([9.5%](https://www.resuscitationjournal.com/article/S0300-9572(21)00444-5/fulltext)).

It is not right that your ethnicity, or where you work or live should determine whether you’re more or less likely to survive a cardiac arrest, the ultimate medical emergency. Resuscitation Council UK’s new report: ‘[Every second counts: Tackling inequalities in resuscitation](https://www.resus.org.uk/every-second-counts)’ shows how socio-economic deprivation, a person’s ethnicity, or cultural background are all connected to their chances of surviving a cardiac arrest. It outlines that to address inequalities in resuscitation, we have to focus on those who are most likely to have a cardiac arrest, and least likely to know what to do if they witness someone who has had a cardiac arrest.

From the evidence gathered in this report, Resuscitation Council UK make recommendations that could close the inequalities gap currently present when someone has a cardiac arrest. This is something that’s particularly important to me as (**EXPLAIN REASONS AND ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE INFORMED THIS LETTER**).

Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK) is the national expert for resuscitation in the UK, saving lives by developing guidelines, inﬂuencing policy, delivering courses and supporting cutting-edge research. As my parliamentary representative, I am asking you to take the following steps to address my concerns about inequalities in resuscitation:

* Share Resuscitation Council UK’s report with your party’s health spokesperson, requesting support for the several low-cost [policy recommendations](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com/index.php?atp_str=MhwsYKyjmX07c4MbyNe4eeL0XoLm-aQDPp_Ef7gSwJn5rbE-BZ-H8QJArcNW2Aah11geIgVx_VpFyFyVnXrXhX6KNR2ZFaRPAyUEjKXh528mRqllgTcKDH2VogEtm1zZL7j0cxjC3OC1-7xm6Wa_0NoqRUvgAT6b8TUDwU4CGnV4e36P8-dzg4DVTil2BvNYi4OhgYnTcJqLOCldmgvheySE5UHQZ_W3mynNHPryM36pp5XN0bk67N9CqHArfNj2B3pCoZ3SM5n217FChAR-3q6yEJs9yi-nTcRKXpJ_9I1xA4aI5uFhNYBp02nx9VIOfjG0f8a2ihIOU119SEQeUF1yrLH1sxKvpT6DpYYjOjojcTIoGMX9DcVnLIYaIzo6I3UN0nTGuegDTty7PWHwQ64) where further change is needed to save more lives.
* Commit to becoming a cardiac arrest survivor advocate in parliament. As a parliamentary champion of resuscitation, Resuscitation Council UK will meet with your office and provide CPR training and defibrillator awareness, as well as lifesaving resources to share within the constituency.

In your response I would like you to outline the ways you intend to address this matter on my behalf. Please do keep me informed of any progress made.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

(**YOUR NAME**)