Please feel free to use the below template and amend as you see fit:

Dear *(MP Name),*

**Paediatric Continence Services in *(insert area name)***

I am emailing you as a ***(paediatric continence nurse/school nurse/other)***at ***(insert hospital/employer)***in your constituency.

I would like to draw your attention toa[**new survey from the Paediatric Continence Forum**](http://www.paediatriccontinenceforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/An-examination-of-paediatric-continence-services-across-the-UK-PCF.pdf) (PCF), which highlights continued disparities in children’s community continence service provision across the UK. The report reveals that, in 2021, almost half of NHS organisations across the UK still failed to provide services for all areas of children’s bladder and bowel issues, while just 38% of such services were integrated with all issues treated in one place.  This is despite the facts that they are cost-effective as they reduce hospital admissions, A & E attendances and paediatric consultant outpatient appointments and that they improve quality of care for children and families.

***(Insert a few sentences on the quality of service provision in your area. If you need help obtaining this information, please email*** [***paediatriccontinenceforum@whitehousecomms.com***](mailto:paediatriccontinenceforum@whitehousecomms.com)***).***

In light of the findings of this report, the PCF makes the following recommendations to policymakers and service providers:

* Every child and young person in the UK should have access to an integrated, community-based, nurse-led,well-resourced children’s bladder and bowel service.
* All organisations providing health care should work collaboratively to ensure that these services are available in every community.
* When reviewing service provision, consideration should be given to ensure that resourcing is sufficient to meet local need and to maximise effectiveness and efficiency of the services.
* Information about the provision of local services should be readily available to the community and to statutory organisations.

**I would be grateful if you considered writing to the Health Secretary about this issue,** so that children in (area name) and elsewhere, can receive the support they require, so that any bladder or bowel condition or issue they have is identified, assessed and treated promptly to allow them to achieve their full potential and maximum quality of life and to ensure best use of finite NHS resources.