



Caleb's Cause NI – Parent Letter Campaign Toolkit

🧩 Parents of young people with complex needs – your voice matters!

We've made it easy to speak up. Copy our short letter and send it to the Ministers and Committees responsible for post-19 support.

✉️ Just copy, paste, and send. One email could change everything.

📧 Email addresses & instructions included.

👏 Let's show Stormont that our children matter beyond 19.

#CalebsCauseNI #Post19Now #DisabilityRightsNI

1. Parent Letter Template

Subject: Urgent Concern: Lack of Post-19 Support for Adults with Complex Needs in Northern Ireland

Dear Minister / Committee Clerk,

I am writing as the parent of a young person with complex learning disabilities. Like many other families in Northern Ireland, I am deeply concerned about the complete lack of structured, legally protected post-19 support for individuals with severe learning disabilities.

Without a dedicated post-19 framework, young people with the highest support needs are being systematically excluded from adult services. Those with complex behaviours or high dependency are often the very individuals left without any access to provision. This forces families into crisis and places enormous strain on health and social care systems.

It is not acceptable that in 2025, families are still being left to fight alone for access to basic support. We need urgent cross-departmental leadership to address this growing inequality.

I support Caleb Cause NI's calls for:

1. A dedicated Post-19 Framework for Northern Ireland, with statutory protections and funding for young adults with complex needs.
2. Clear departmental accountability, including Economy, Health, Education, Communities, Justice and Infrastructure, ensuring no young person is abandoned after school.
3. Transparent and fair funding.
4. Inclusion of parent and carer voices in all planning and oversight of post-19 provision.

This issue affects every special school in Northern Ireland. The lack of clear guidance, provision, and oversight is not just a policy failure, it is a safeguarding risk.

Please confirm how your department or committee intends to address this issue.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your town/city or postcode]

[Optional: A brief line about your child, e.g. "Parent of a 10-year-old with profound and multiple learning disabilities."]

2. Email Instructions for Parents

Step-by-step:

1. Copy the letter above.
2. Add your name and optional sentence about your child.
3. Send the email to all the addresses below (you can paste them all in one email).
4. Use subject line: "Urgent Concern: Post-19 Provision for Adults with Complex Needs"
5. Share this toolkit with another parent or carer.

3. Email Addresses to Use

Ministers:

- Health: private.office@health-ni.gov.uk
- Economy: private.office@economy-ni.gov.uk
- Education: private.office@education-ni.gov.uk
- Justice: private.office@justice-ni.gov.uk
- Communities: assembly.section@communities-ni.gov.uk
- Infrastructure: private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Assembly Committees:

- Health Committee: Committee.Health@niassembly.gov.uk
- Economy Committee: Committee.Economy@niassembly.gov.uk
- Education Committee: committee.education@niassembly.gov.uk
- Infrastructure Committee: committee.infrastructure@niassembly.gov.uk
- Committee for Communities: Committee.Communities@niassembly.gov.uk
- Justice Committee: committee.justice@niassembly.gov.uk

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Committee.Communities@niassembly.gov.uk