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MP for Southend West

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A campaign started by a former model from Leigh-on-Sea has received the backing of local MP Sir David Amess.

Carla Cressy, who was diagnosed with Endometriosis in January 2016, has launched a new initiative to raise awareness about the condition, targeting young girls aged 14-18. The 26 year-old says that currently there is not enough information to inform people about the dangers of the condition. Despite efforts by existing charities it has become clear that more needs to be done to educate girls about the symptoms of Endometriosis so they are not put through the same lengthy diagnosis process as Carla.

Speaking about her condition and the new campaign Carla said: *"Endometriosis has ruined my life, after almost a decade of being told my symptoms were normal and having to push for a diagnosis this disease has now spread, ruining my organs and almost costing me my life during surgery."*

"My goal now is to raise awareness and educate women of the signs in order to help them push for an earlier diagnosis to avoid a life of surgeries and heartache like mine as well as giving back to those who are suffering as there are many."

After hearing about Carla's campaign, Sir David was eager to offer his help. Now a Trustee of her soon-to-be launched charity, the MP for Southend West will be working with Carla to bring about change so that more is done to educate girls about the dangers of Endometriosis.

Miss Cressy added: *"I'm truly grateful for the ongoing support Sir David has provided to me and my Endometriosis education campaign, it has been a tough journey however we are already making a difference."*

"I believe if the active groups were genuinely working on their operation of making this disease known over the past years, I for one and many others would never have felt the need to publicise such a personal issue"

Sir David plans to start an All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis in the New Year in order to gain cross-party support for Carla's campaign. The objective will be to persuade the Government to provide education on Endometriosis at schools. The local MP said he will do everything he can to support Carla's campaign so that changes are made in the future.

The MP for Southend West commented: *"Carla Cressy's story about her suffering with endometriosis is both inspirational and heart-breaking. I fully support and am totally committed to her campaign to bring the education of endometriosis into schools so that early diagnosis is possible."*

"I urge everyone to sign Carla's petition and follow her campaign so that we can build up support and make a change."

Sir David's comments came after he spoke about the new campaign in the Christmas Adjournment Debate in Parliament on Thursday 21st December.

Speaking in the House of Commons, the MP said: *"A constituent of mine, a former model, Carla Cressy, suffers from endometriosis. The condition was diagnosed in January 2016. She is doing everything she can to launch a campaign to make 14 to 18-year-old girls aware of this disease. I am going to do everything I possibly can to help her to raise awareness."*

Carla's petition can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.change.org/p/department-of-education-bring-women-with-endom...>

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