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Dear [SALUTATION],

Today, 6 October 2023, is World Cerebral Palsy Day.

Cerebral palsy (CP) is a lifelong neurological condition which affects a person's movement and other aspects of their health, learning, communication, social participation, and wellbeing. Nationwide, there are approximately 30,000 children and 130,000 adults living with CP.

On World CP Day, **Action Cerebral Palsy (ACP)** would like to celebrate and thank the 23 local authorities who last year responded so brilliantly to our CP Awareness Month call by signing up to the CP Covenant. In doing so, they raised the profile of children and young people with CP in their local authority area by providing training and awareness raising activities for their workforce supported by ACP. You can read more about the CP Covenant [here](#).

This year, we call on **ALL** local authorities to champion people living with cerebral palsy so that every individual with the condition can reach their potential across all aspects of their lives by:

1. Ensuring that the voices of children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families are included in planning and monitoring forums across all agencies within your council.
2. Identifying the gaps in services for children and young people with cerebral palsy in your area.
3. Providing cerebral palsy training for your workforce.
4. Sharing the attached information on the early warning signs of cerebral palsy across all agencies to promote vital early intervention for young children at risk of cerebral palsy living in your area. We also encourage you to share [this](#) guide for parents on spotting the early signs of CP.

We also invite you, as an elected representative, to share the social media graphic attached to this email to show your support for all those living with CP in your ward and local authority area on World CP Day.

For further information and to discuss how Action Cerebral Palsy can help with cerebral palsy awareness training for your workforce, please visit www.actioncp.org or email me on pilar.cloud@actioncp.org.

Thank you,

Pilar Cloud

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