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Dear Colleagues,

I thank all Noble Lords for an interesting debate last week on the subject of public services and young people; and I thank Baroness Massey for bringing this debate to the House on 18 July.

I am writing to draw your attention to two corrections required. Firstly, relating to a point I made in my closing speech on the number of people trained by the Education Trust to deliver autism awareness, I said that more than 185 people have been trained by the Trust to date. The latest figure on numbers trained from the Autism Education Trust at June 2019 was that more than 220,000 have been trained by the Trust to date.

Secondly, I said that the government is engaging more than 400,000 young people, from all social backgrounds, in the National Citizens Service and that NCS participants have given more than 12 million hours of volunteer time. I should have said that the government is engaging more than 500,000 young people, from all social backgrounds, in the National Citizens Services and that NCS participants have given more than 15 million hours of volunteer time.

I regret that the information supplied to me by my officials was incorrect. I have asked the Departments in question to look into how this mistake arose.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House as a correction on record.

I am copying in Lord Agnew as the Minister at the Department for Education and Lord Ashton of Hyde as the minister for Digital Culture Media and Sport.

With best wishes,  
James Younger

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