

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>: 2-3pm (Room Q Portcullis House)**

**21,000 people with epilepsy** have lost their lives since 1996 in the UK – equalling **3 deaths a day**. Many of which are young people, dying many years before they should. Yet research has shown that **42%** of these could potentially be avoided if steps were put in place to improve care and risk management.

That is nearly **9000 lives** which potentially could have been saved.

***So why isn't this an issue more health professionals, members of the public and policy makers know about, even though as many people die from epilepsy as they do from other long-term conditions such as asthma?***

***And why is more not being done to both tackle this issue, whilst also supporting those left devastated by an epilepsy death?***

That is why SUDEP Action urge you to attend their event, hosted by Ed Vaizey, where you can find out:

- how for over 21 years, they have innovated and provided solutions supporting frontline NHS, families and research
- how urgently bereaved families need to be better recognized and supported by policy makers and the NHS
- how your help, in whatever way you can, could be pivotal in saving future lives

There will be the opportunity for photographs which can be shared with you after the event.

To find out more about SUDEP Action and the work that they do visit [www.sudep.org](http://www.sudep.org)

Please let us know if you are able to attend ([dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk) or [samantha.ashby@sudep.org](mailto:samantha.ashby@sudep.org))

We hope you will join us and show your support,



Ed Vaizey MP



Jane Hanna OBE

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