



Adult Social Care Group
Department of Health and Social Care
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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, in September 2021, we published *Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care*, which committed to investing an additional £5.4 billion in social care over the next three years, including £3.6 billion to reform the social care charging system and enable all local authorities to move towards paying providers a fair rate for care, and a further £1.7 billion to begin major improvements across the social care system in England.

Then, in December 2021 – shaped by insights from your organisations - we published the white paper *‘People at the Heart of Care’*, which outlined our 10-year vision for social care reform, with our priorities for investment. I remain grateful for your contributions and support which helped us to progress to this significant milestone.

I am writing to inform you that today we have published three further documents, related to *‘People at the Heart of Care.’* They are:

- [An impact statement for the ‘People at the Heart of Care’ white paper.](#)

The purpose of the impact statement is to describe the potential impact of the £1.7 billion white paper proposals, so local authorities, providers and people who draw and support understand how the reforms could affect them.

- [The government response to the Lords Economic Affairs Committee’s report titled *Social Care Funding: time to end a national scandal*.](#)

This document is a formal government response to the House of Lords Economic Affairs committee’s report: [‘Social care funding: time to end a national scandal’](#). The response sets out which of the committee’s recommendation the government is taking forward, as part of our reform programme, including how reforms to the charging system will ensure people are protected from unpredictable and unlimited costs. It also sets out how we are improving the quality of care by providing more support for local authorities and investing in housing, technology and the adult social care workforce.

- [A DHSC commissioned independent review into adult social care reform, authored by Baroness Camilla Cavendish in 2020.](#)

In 2020, Baroness Cavendish carried out a review of social care, looking at the question *“How can we lock in the lessons of the COVID-19 crisis to build a more robust, sustainable,*

joined-up system of health and social care?". The aim of the report was to review and make recommendations to inform the government's plans for a comprehensive programme of reform for adult social care. While it was commissioned by the department, the views expressed in the report do not represent the position of DHSC.

I hope you find these publications useful. If you would like to discuss the content of these documents, please get in touch.

I look forward to continuing working with you as we deliver the proposals outlined in *People at the Heart of* and move towards our 10-year vision for adult social care.

Yours sincerely,

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