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From Steve Brine MP

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Letter by email

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Dear Steve,

Your predecessor as Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey, wrote to the Health and Social Care Committee on 23 September to let us know that the Government response to our report Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care, and to our Expert Panel's report on Government commitments made regarding the health and social care workforce, would be delayed.

The expected deadline for this response was 25 September, and we are now halfway through November.

The health and social care workforces are facing an unprecedented recruitment and retention crisis whilst entering the winter months and dealing with the backlog from before and after the Covid-19 pandemic. The response to our recommendations cannot wait, and I hope that you and your Department makes the response your utmost priority.

We are also waiting for delayed responses to our reports on NHS litigation reform and the impact of body image on mental and physical health. Please could you provide an update on when we can expect to receive them?

Yours sincerely,

Steve Brine MP
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee