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Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair, Committee of Public
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House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Chair,

Re: Update to the Public Accounts Committee regarding commencement of sections of the Health and Care Act 2022

As noted in the June 2022 HM Treasury Minutes Progress Report updates on the above reports and outstanding recommendations, I am writing to confirm that the relevant sections of the Health and Care Act 2022 have now come into force as of 1 July 2022.

- **Public Accounts Committee, Sixty-Third Report of Session 2017-19,**
- **Interface between health and adult social care (Recommendation 2):** The Act has established Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) as a statutory organisation and Integrated Care Partnerships as a statutory committee.
- **Public Accounts Committee, Eighty-Third Report of Session 2017-19 (Recommendation 5):** Clinical Commissioning Groups have now been abolished and the Act has established Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) as statutory organisations as of 1 July 2022.
- **Public Accounts Committee, Ninety-first Report of Session 2017-19, NHS Financial Sustainability: Progress Review (Recommendation 6):** The Act has established Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) as statutory organisations and created governance arrangements for them.

The department made the Health and Care Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional and Saving Provision) Regulations 2022 No. 734 on 30th June that commenced the relevant sections of the Act on 1st July. The Commencement Statutory Instrument has been published to legislation.gov.uk: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2022/734>.

With the commencement of these sections, the outstanding recommendations are now implemented. They will be formally closed at the next round of HM Treasury Minutes progress updates later this year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shona Dunn', written in a cursive style.

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