



## Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

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**Dear Helen**

I am writing to you with regards to the recent Government response to the Committee's report into the [Long Term Funding of Adult Social Care](#) (August 2022). We thank the Government for the response, and we were pleased to see that the Government has accepted some of the Committee's recommendations in full relating to Housing and Planning, Local Government Finance and Covid-19 pressures.

However, the Committee has some concerns regarding the Government's willingness to accept recommendations. A significant number of the Committee's recommendations have only been accepted in part -- and to varying degrees -- whilst four of the report's recommendations have been rejected outright. The four recommendations were:

*Conclusion 19: The Government should publish a 10-year plan for how its vision in the People at the Heart of Care White Paper will be achieved...*

*Conclusion 24: The Government should consider introducing statutory requirements for local authorities to produce plans for housing for older and disabled people based on assessments of housing need....*

*Conclusion 28: The Government should monitor the impact of adding care workers to the Shortage Occupation List on vacancies and be prepared to extend the visa period beyond 12 months, to lower the salary threshold, or both.*

*Conclusion 31: The Government should carry out a review of carers assessments, including of the terminology, co-produced with carers...*

We are disappointed to see that of the remaining recommendations, most have only been partially accepted. In its response, the Government has not set out information relating to how or when the accepted elements of the report will be implemented or in progress.

It would therefore be helpful if the Government could set out how they plan to implement the accepted and partially accepted recommendations, including key milestones and at



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which point the Government thinks these changes will come into effect. If the Government does not know, please say so plainly in your response.

Whilst the Committee acknowledges that the UK's response to the Covid-19 pandemic has evolved since its report, Adult Social Care remains a key priority for us, and the lack of substantial long-term funding is still a concern.

In August 2023, it will have been a year since the publication of the report, and this will provide the Committee with a good opportunity to review the progress that has been made 12 months on. For this reason, we request a response be provided to us by 20 July 2023 for us to appropriately assess the information before the Summer Recess.

Best wishes,

Mr Clive Betts MP  
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee