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Dear Tonia,

I would like to apologise for the delay in providing an updated response to the e-petition asking the department to fund non-consolidated payments for organisations providing NHS funded services. This issue has received significant parliamentary and media interest.

Following submission of our initial response to this e-petition, we have been unable to provide the fuller response requested as we are unable to publicly comment on this issue. This is due to a pre-action letter the Department has received for a judicial review of the decision not to provide funding to non-NHS organisations for the non-consolidated payments, agreed as part of the Agenda for Change pay deal.

Additionally, the department has been considering its position regarding this funding, which has required significant and detailed legal consideration. I take my responsibility seriously to not misinform in my responses to parliament so have been unable to update you due to the above reasons. I will provide a fuller response as soon as we have resolved the judicial review.

Kind regards,

**WILL QUINCE MP
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