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Dear Lady Morris,

REQUEST TO EXAMINE HOMECARE MEDICINES SERVICES

Thank you for your letter of 19 February regarding the Public Services Committee's report on homecare medicines services.

Your committee has done important work by deciding to look at a relatively unscrutinised part of healthcare and then shining a light on the concerning issues you found. I particularly note, from the perspective of public spending, the apparent difficulty the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England have had in providing you with consistent costs on a clear basis.

I believe there is a role for the National Audit Office in improving understanding about the cost and performance of these important services. My health and commercial teams are currently considering how that can best be done. I expect to be able to provide you with an update in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

GARETH DAVIES