



Public Accounts Committee

**Sir Chris Wormald KCB
Permanent Secretary
Department for Health and Social Care
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By email

14 May 2024

Treasury Minute response: Adult Social Care Markets

Dear Permanent Secretary,

Thank you for your response to the Committee's June 2021 report on *Adult Social Care Markets*. I am grateful for some of the commitments made in response to the report in your November 2021 Treasury Minute. However, I am seeking further information following your response to the Committee's recommendation 6, relating to clear and comparable information about fee levels and how money is spent by providers.

- **Recommendation 6a:** While you accepted that all providers should give clear and comparable information over fee levels, you rejected the proposed implementation date of April 2022 and pushed back the date to October 2023. In November 2023, you wrote to me to say that you planned to implement this recommendation by March 2025. Given that implementing this recommendation should be straightforward I urge you to commit to an earlier implementation date and to provide my Committee with information on your progress.
- **Recommendation 6b:** While you disagreed with the Committee's recommendation that all providers should give a breakdown of how fee money is spent, you stated that the government will discuss with local authorities and providers how to best support this objective. Please could you set out your progress on this to date and when you expect to have a system in place to allow local authorities to robustly assess value for money from contracts with adult social care providers?

I would be grateful if you could reconsider your responses in these areas and provide a response to this letter by 12 June.



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I am copying this letter to the Treasury Officer of Accounts and to the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg Hillier".

Dame Meg Hillier
Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts