



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

**Peter Schofield CB**  
**Permanent Secretary**  
**Department for Work and Pensions**  
Caxton  
Tothill Street  
London  
SW1H 9DA  
[ps@dw.p.gov.uk](mailto:ps@dw.p.gov.uk)

**Dame Meg Hillier**  
**Chair Public Accounts Committee**  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA  
*Sent electronically*

21 May 2024

*Dear Meg*

### **THIRD REPORT OF SESSION 2023-24: REVISING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS – RECOMMENDATION 2**

In the Committee's report into Revising Health Assessments for Disability Benefits (HC 79) you recommended the Department should publish a revised Health Transformation Programme business case, no later than spring 2024, with details on how its desired transformation of the health assessments for disability benefits will result in the promised benefits for claimants and how it will track and assess progress towards this.

We agreed to the target implementation date of Spring 2024 to respond to the Committee's recommendation and publish the business case summary. This will not be met due to unexpected delays in obtaining the necessary inter-departmental approval of the revised business case and considering the delays, we have therefore revised the target implementation date to summer 2024.

The Department is committed to sharing its approach to monitoring the Programme's progress and performance and the transformation of the service for benefit claimants.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Peter Schofield*

**Peter Schofield CB**  
Permanent Secretary