

From Layla Moran MP and Professor Dame Jane Dacre

13 January 2025

Dear Wes,

Health and Social Care Committee's Expert Panel: independent evaluation of palliative care in England

Professor Dacre and I are writing to inform you that the Health and Social Care Committee has asked its Expert Panel to undertake an independent evaluation of the state of palliative care in England.

In order to support the Panel's evaluation process, we are asking you to set out the Government's current expectations for the level and standard of palliative care that should be provided in England. This should include any legislation, regulations, guidance, frameworks or policy documents that set out standards for palliative care - both in terms of the level of coverage and the quality of the care. The Panel will use this list to inform its future work.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with this information by 31 January 2025.

As is the usual way for the Independent Expert Panel, there will be further opportunity for the Government and its arm's-length bodies to provide their input as its work progresses.

Yours,



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