



## Health and Social Care Committee

### To Chairs of Integrated Care Boards

Monday, 3 February 2025

Dear Madam/Sir

I am writing to you in relation to the provision of care and equipment for children with complex needs and disabilities.

The Committee is interested in finding out how children with complex needs and disabilities are provided with the equipment that they need and how access varies across the country. We understand that there are no national guidelines, which is why we are requesting details of how these needs are met within your ICS.

Please could you send us details of the following within your ICS, including where relevant, every local authority within your area:

- how children with complex needs and disabilities are assessed
- the eligibility criteria for receiving equipment support
- if assessed as being in need, what kind of equipment support a child can receive,
- the average time taken for:
  - an assessment to be conducted
  - a decision to be made on what support will be provided and
  - the identified support to be provided
- how many children are currently being provided with equipment, broken down by:
  - the number provided with wheelchairs
  - the number provided with other equipment
  - the number provided with both wheelchairs and other equipment

The Committee understands that wheelchairs and buggies are provided through the NHS Wheelchair Service. Please could you send us details of the following for each NHS Trust in your ICS:

- the eligibility criteria (including age) for receiving a wheelchair or buggy
- what types of wheelchair and buggies are offered



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We would be grateful for your response to these questions by 21 March. As is usual with the Committee's correspondence, we will publish this letter and your response.

Yours sincerely,

**Layla Moran MP**  
**Chair, Health and Social Care Select Committee**