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Dear Catherine,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd June 2021.

Government will develop policy and share proposals in the usual way with Parliament, which does not usually include releasing ideas or information ahead of finalising policy.

I have asked the Department of Health and Social Care to respond to you regarding digitalisation take-up.

Responsibility for Local Welfare Assistance was delegated to Local Authorities in England in 2013/14 and councils have powers to determine the right Local Welfare Assistance schemes for their area. The funding councils receive from the Government recognises the resources councils need to meet their pressures and maintain current service levels.

We have an inter-ministerial group to go through strands of work that can reach across Government. As previously, Departments can choose to assess the effectiveness of their policies and programmes.

Yours sincerely,

Theresa