



# Treasury Committee

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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
HM Treasury  
Via email

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Dear Rishi,

The Government's proposals for social care reform were published in September in the policy paper *Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care*.<sup>1</sup> Importantly, the cost of these reforms, and the levy to cover that cost, were considered as part of HM Treasury's recent Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021. Yesterday, the Government published *Adult social care charging reform: further details*.<sup>2</sup>

The Treasury Committee took evidence today from Sally Warren, Director of Policy at The King's Fund, and from Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE, whose work will have been taken into account in the Government's proposals. Sir Andrew noted that no official costings of yesterday's announcement have been published yet.

The House is expected to take report stage of the Health and Care Bill on Monday and Tuesday next week, and that is likely to entail a decision by the House on amendments to the Care Act 2014 to implement the reforms announced yesterday. Given the potential impact on household assets against the original announcement in September, I would therefore ask that the Treasury (in cooperation with other departments) provide distributional and costings analyses of the impact of these reforms against a base case with no change to the Care Act 2014 but implementation of the other reforms.

The distributional analysis should consider the impact by household and individual income and wealth. Any information on the impact by region would also be welcome. The Committee would also welcome an indication of the expectations of the number of people who may still have to sell their primary residence to fund their care, both before and after any change to the Care Act 2014, and also an indication of the number of households whose housing wealth is potentially at risk as a result of the changes proposed to the Care Act 2014.

I shall be placing this letter, and in due course your response, in the public domain. Given the possibility that the House will need to take a decision imminently on this matter, I would be

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<sup>1</sup> [Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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grateful for a reply by midday Monday 22 November 2021. I have copied this letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Prime Minister.

With best wishes,



**Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP**  
**Chair of the Treasury Committee**

CC: The Prime Minister, The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care