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Dear Lord Forsyth,

In 2019 you led on the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee report *Social care funding: time to end a national scandal*, which made a series of key social care funding recommendations to government. The government's response to this report is currently outstanding.

On the 7th September we announced that we would be investing an additional £5.4 billion over three years to begin a comprehensive programme of reform for adult social care. This includes £3.6 billion to reform the social care charging system and enable all local authorities to move towards paying providers a fair rate for care; and a further £1.7 billion to begin major improvements across the social care system in England.

We are following that up today by publishing our adult social care reform white paper *People at the Heart of Care*. In the white paper we build on September's funding commitment by setting out our vision for adult social care and outlining our priorities for investment in system reform.

In view of the publication of our white paper today, I am writing to you to advise you that the Department of Health and Social Care will be responding to the Economic Affairs Committee report on social care funding shortly. We plan to provide a response in the new year which will also be published on GOV.UK. I look forward to providing our formal response to the Committee and, in the meantime, remain at your disposal if you wish to discuss further the proposals set out in the white paper.

With my very best wishes,

LORD KAMALL