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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 23 July and your subsequent request for your Committee to be consulted on my review of the Continuing NHS Healthcare (CHC) Framework.

I am also grateful to you for bringing to my attention the various issues brought to the Committee regarding CHC processes. In particular, you mention the petitioners concerns that budgetary considerations may influence decisions made about CHC support provided to individuals. The guidance of the 2010 National Framework is clear, however, in stating the sole criterion for eligibility for CHC is whether there is a primary health need. Decision making must be based on the outcomes of an appropriate multi-disciplinary assessment process, engaging the appropriate staff, assessment tools and the clinical opinion of the consultant or GP who has responsibility for the individual. Carers and relatives must be involved and kept informed throughout the process.

More broadly, my work on reviewing the Framework is already underway. A number of Task and Finish groups have been established to look at how to ensure future arrangements remain fit for purpose. The issues you highlight will be looked at as part of the formal consultation later on this year. My officials will liaise, as you have requested, with your clerking team to ensure your petitioners are included as part of that process.

*Best wishes
Mark.*

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