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Dear Chair,

**Re: Update to Public Accounts Committee regarding delay to the implementation of the Bill
in reference to Treasury Minute 63**

The above Treasury Minutes contain recommendation relating to the establishment of statutory provisions for Integrated Care Systems in the NHS in England from April 2022. I wanted to advise the Public Accounts Committee of an updated timetable for establishing these organisations, which takes into account the timing of Health and Care Bill receiving Royal Assent on 28th April 2022.

The Health and Care Act 2022 supports the move towards integration by providing measures to put Integrated Care Systems – which have evolved over the last few years - on a statutory footing through the establishment of Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships. The Act represents a significant step forwards for integration between health commissioning and local authorities.

The Department will commence provisions relating to statutory arrangements for Integrated Care Systems to enable these organisations to be established on 1 July 2022.

Alongside the passage of the legislation, NHS England and Improvement has been working with local systems to prepare for the launch of statutory arrangements for integrated care systems from 1 July.

Yours sincerely,

**SIR CHRIS WORMALD
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