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Dear Chair,

House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts Eighty-Third Report of Session 2017-19 Clinical Commissioning Groups

The above Treasury Minute contains a 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 the Health and Care Bill receiving Royal Assent on 28th April 2022.

5: PAC recommendation: The Department should ensure that required legislative changes are developed and brought forward in a timely way so that progress on the NHS Long Term Plan is not delayed.

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 aims to give legislative backing to the aims of the NHS Long Term Plan and received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022. 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,

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