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Dear Mr Eaton,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December to Jackie Doyle-Price about sustainable funding for adult social care. I have been asked to reply.

Ministers recognise that further reform is required to ensure that the system is prepared to meet the challenges of providing a balanced package that supports quality and dignified care, as well as financial sustainability, for future generations.

The Government set out its aim to improve social care in the Queen's Speech, and is committed to publishing a Green Paper by the summer setting out its proposals for reform. In developing the Green Paper, the Government will debate the many complex issues, and listen to the perspectives of experts and care users.

Ministers have asked a range of independent experts in this area to provide their views, and want to engage closely with key stakeholders, people who use services and carers over the coming months. Once the Green Paper is published, it will be subject to a full public consultation, which the Department would encourage you to take part in.

The Government wants a better care system in which everyone can have confidence, where people understand their responsibilities, can prepare for the future, and know that the care they receive will be to a high standard and help them maintain their independence and wellbeing.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a 'J'.

Michael James
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