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To: Council Leaders
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Dear Leader,

Winter funding

On 2 October 2018, I announced £240m of additional funding for councils to spend on adult social care services to help councils alleviate winter pressures on the NHS, getting patients home quicker and freeing up hospital beds across England. Supporting the NHS to deliver high quality services for patients this winter is a critical priority for the Government and we already know that councils can add real value to this endeavour. We recognise the significant progress that councils have already made in tackling delayed transfers of care (DTC), achieving a 39% reduction in DTC attributable to adult social care since February 2017, and the good relations between colleagues across the health and care system which mean that local systems are working together towards common aims.

This additional funding is intended to enable further reductions in the number of patients that are medically ready to leave hospital but are delayed because they are waiting for adult social care services. We expect the spending to be focussed on reducing DTC, helping to reduce extended lengths of stay, improving weekend discharge arrangements so that patients are assessed and discharged earlier and speeding up the process of assessing and agreeing what social care is needed for patients in hospitals. We will expect health providers and local authorities to monitor improvements in these measures through local jointly agreed monitoring, comparing improvements in each of these areas of impact.

Allocations will be based on the Relative Needs Formula for adult social care and individual council allocations can be found at annex A. The Government is clear that this money should be additional to current budgeted expenditure on adult social care. We will be closely monitoring delivery of additionality throughout winter.

It is important that the maximum impact for your local health and social system is achieved from this additional funding. Building on the relations already established with local NHS partners to deliver Better Care Fund projects and tackle delays, you will want to continue local discussions with health partners including local acute trusts as you work up your plans to spend the funding to reduce NHS pressures. This level of cooperation is best delivered by joint development and discussion between the local authority's CEO/DASS, and their relevant trust CEO(s). We will be asking trusts to confirm they have had satisfactory engagement with you.

A formal grant determination letter will follow, and your authority will be asked to send us certain information. Given the importance that this funding makes an impact during winter, your return should confirm:

1. that the totality of the grant will be spent on providing adult social care services, in addition to funding already planned; and that you have discussed this with local NHS partners, including local acute hospital trusts.
2. that councils include alongside their certifications what additional volumes of care and support the additional funding will purchase by returning a central template.

I am copying this letter to trust Chief Executives and CCG Chief Executives.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK

Annex A

Table of £240m ASC winter funding, by local authority

Funding has been distributed using the Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula. The Formula is described at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140505104701/http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/1314/settle.htm>

Local Authority name	£240m Winter 2018-19 funding
Barking and Dagenham	£913,061
Barnet	£1,447,489
Barnsley	£1,238,401
Bath and North East Somerset	£729,753
Bedford	£620,812
Bexley	£928,375
Birmingham	£5,600,295
Blackburn with Darwen	£764,416
Blackpool	£903,685
Bolton	£1,390,102
Bournemouth	£883,914
Bracknell Forest	£361,836
Bradford	£2,297,209
Brent	£1,343,037
Brighton and Hove	£1,228,660
Bristol, City of	£2,028,366
Bromley	£1,190,455
Buckinghamshire	£1,671,318
Bury	£816,711
Calderdale	£920,617
Cambridgeshire	£2,324,056
Camden	£1,285,762
Central Bedfordshire	£865,972
Cheshire East	£1,450,638
Cheshire West and Chester	£1,467,219
City of London	£48,791
Cornwall	£2,793,384
County Durham	£2,822,376
Coventry	£1,551,062
Croydon	£1,401,339
Cumbria	£2,507,222
Darlington	£501,172

Local Authority name	£240m Winter 2018-19 funding
Derby	£1,148,569
Derbyshire	£3,627,306
Devon	£3,575,532
Doncaster	£1,509,880
Dorset	£1,935,188
Dudley	£1,561,621
Ealing	£1,417,568
East Riding of Yorkshire	£1,445,968
East Sussex	£2,585,651
Enfield	£1,298,636
Essex	£5,919,494
Gateshead	£1,133,285
Gloucestershire	£2,529,984
Greenwich	£1,330,277
Hackney	£1,405,003
Halton	£639,132
Hammersmith and Fulham	£918,381
Hampshire	£4,754,497
Haringey	£1,148,202
Harrow	£969,828
Hartlepool	£501,123
Havering	£1,005,683
Herefordshire, County of	£880,614
Hertfordshire	£4,134,415
Hillingdon	£1,041,108
Hounslow	£999,342
Isle of Wight	£766,415
Isles of Scilly	£12,662
Islington	£1,285,889
Kensington and Chelsea	£866,806
Kent	£6,164,434
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£1,452,943
Kingston upon Thames	£573,179
Kirklees	£1,859,881
Knowsley	£977,056
Lambeth	£1,508,916
Lancashire	£5,518,152
Leeds	£3,310,729
Leicester	£1,573,738
Leicestershire	£2,414,247
Lewisham	£1,367,882

Local Authority name	£240m Winter 2018-19 funding
Lincolnshire	£3,367,950
Liverpool	£2,957,108
Luton	£788,125
Manchester	£2,666,050
Medway	£997,871
Merton	£747,910
Middlesbrough	£757,937
Milton Keynes	£908,078
Newcastle upon Tyne	£1,500,831
Newham	£1,468,413
Norfolk	£4,178,678
North East Lincolnshire	£779,710
North Lincolnshire	£760,919
North Somerset	£923,945
North Tyneside	£1,031,077
North Yorkshire	£2,423,601
Northamptonshire	£2,717,108
Northumberland	£1,521,452
Nottingham	£1,550,028
Nottinghamshire	£3,527,070
Oldham	£1,122,354
Oxfordshire	£2,291,555
Peterborough	£793,661
Plymouth	£1,284,105
Poole	£637,547
Portsmouth	£890,417
Reading	£569,502
Redbridge	£1,115,976
Redcar and Cleveland	£720,225
Richmond upon Thames	£660,842
Rochdale	£1,108,358
Rotherham	£1,345,287
Rutland	£135,720
Salford	£1,317,668
Sandwell	£1,847,928
Sefton	£1,524,885
Sheffield	£2,705,263
Shropshire	£1,393,823
Slough	£515,453
Solihull	£870,356
Somerset	£2,497,567

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South Gloucestershire	£935,046
South Tyneside	£915,260
Southampton	£1,109,386
Southend-on-Sea	£824,000
Southwark	£1,570,648
St. Helens	£962,856
Staffordshire	£3,541,964
Stockport	£1,283,215
Stockton-on-Tees	£845,239
Stoke-on-Trent	£1,331,896
Suffolk	£3,261,399
Sunderland	£1,567,778
Surrey	£3,994,637
Sutton	£737,282
Swindon	£769,255
Tameside	£1,154,036
Telford and Wrekin	£774,291
Thurrock	£654,204
Torbay	£828,580
Tower Hamlets	£1,464,965
Trafford	£945,705
Wakefield	£1,648,875
Walsall	£1,431,825
Waltham Forest	£1,088,692
Wandsworth	£1,297,456
Warrington	£823,737
Warwickshire	£2,234,584
West Berkshire	£500,898
West Sussex	£3,303,452
Westminster	£1,323,159
Wigan	£1,592,223
Wiltshire	£1,823,064
Windsor and Maidenhead	£476,457
Wirral	£1,800,370
Wokingham	£401,589
Wolverhampton	£1,376,477
Worcestershire	£2,384,625
York	£731,801
Total	£240,000,000