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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 November on behalf of your constituent, _____, Huyton, Liverpool, regarding Social Care funding. The Treasury has received unprecedented amounts of correspondence since the start of the coronavirus outbreak in the UK. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has asked me to write to you directly.

The Government is aware of the strain the coronavirus pandemic has put on the social care system and the impact it is having on people with learning difficulties and their families. Since March the Government has provided over £4.6 billion of grant funding to Local Authorities to help them respond to pressures across all their services, including social care support for people with learning disabilities. Further to this, the Government has ringfenced over £1.1 billion for adult social care, through the Infection Control Fund, to support providers tackle the spread of the virus; this includes providers who specialise in care for people with learning disabilities.

The Government remains committed to putting social care on a sustainable footing, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. As announced at the Spending Review, the Government has have provided councils with access to over £1 billion for social care, on top of maintaining £3.5 billion of existing social care grants in 21/22. In addition, we expect to provide councils with over £3 billion to help manage the impact of COVID-19 across their services, including social care support for people with learning disabilities.

At the Spring Budget this year the Government also provided an additional £62 million to accelerate discharge of individuals with learning disabilities or autism (or both) from mental health hospitals into the community.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions about this reply, please email public.enquiries@hmtreasury.gov.uk quoting reference MC2020/40859.

Yours sincerely,

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