
Director General for Regulation

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Dear Sarah

You might recall that on 7 November 2016, I met you and your colleagues to discuss the Committee's concerns about statements made by the Government on the funding of the NHS.

I was keen that the Treasury's Public Expenditure Statistical Analysis (PESA) should present estimates and outturns for NHS England and total health spending separately. Following a series of discussions between us and Treasury I have now heard from them that in July this year PESA will include NHS England outturn data as a subset of the total health spend. In addition, the Treasury has committed to working with Department for Health and Social Care to present NHS England planned spending on a comparable basis in the July 2018 PESA publication.

I hope that presenting the PESA statistics in this way will bring more clarity to this aspect of public spending.

I will continue to keep the Committee informed of our work, which focuses on supporting improvements to health and care data more widely.

Your sincerely



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