From Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair

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Dear Sirs,

Flu vaccination programme in England
Thank you for contributing to the Government Response to the Committee’s Flu vaccination Programme in England Report. I understand that the Response incorporates views from the Government as well as Public Health England and NHS England.

Following the information provided in the Response I would be grateful if you could provide further information on a data collection system for Social care workers. Specifically,

- The Response sets out the benefits of collecting data on uptake among social care workers but notes that “establishing such a system will be challenging”. While the Response does note the actions that NHS England will take in 2018/19 with social care provider representative bodies to try and collect this data, plans for a long-term data collection system are not set out. We would be grateful if you could set out further detail on:
  - plans to establish a data collection system for uptake among social care workers; and
  - the key challenges that you perceive to collecting such data and how they can be overcome.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response to this letter no later than Friday 22 February. I have written in similar terms to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on a data collection system for social care worker uptake.

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair