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Dear Professor Green

Thank you for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 highlighting the unprecedented challenges faced by care homes. We have worked closely with Lincolnshire Care Association (LiNCA) and providers across the social care sector to provide additional financial support.

We recognised the criticality of cash flow at the beginning of the pandemic and we mobilised an average payment mechanism to support residential providers. This mechanism minimised the financial risk of reduced income and/or cash flow arising predominantly from reduced occupancy. Lincolnshire usually has an occupancy rate of between 8-11% however recent months have seen this rate increase to 19%. The amount paid to providers is based on pre Covid-19 occupancy levels. This support has been in place throughout 2020-21 and to date we have paid £3.04m to residential providers.

In addition, we launched a Service Sustainability Fund in April 2020 to respond to the most immediate financial pressures that providers faced. The fund supported Covid-19 driven costs including PPE, workforce and other infection control costs. This fund has been in place throughout 2020-21 and to date we have paid £3.17m to residential providers.

The government has released specific Covid-19 grants for adult social care providers. Lincolnshire has passed this funding through in accordance with the grant conditions. For Lincolnshire this has enabled an additional £15.74m to date to residential providers. This funding is being used to support infection control measures and additional rapid testing. We are in the process of providing further financial support following the recently published workforce grant.

Within the last week we have concluded our virtual engagement events with residential providers where we discussed the rates proposal for 2021-22. The outcome of this is being collated. Discussions will continue with providers in the coming weeks to conclude the rates and to review what additional financial support mechanism/s are needed to support Covid-19 related costs as we enter 2021-22.

Kind regards

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