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Dear Mr Leftley

I attach a letter which has been sent by us to the Secretary of State for Health, which draws attention to the crisis in care and seeks a response from both central and local government.

I trust that my letter elevates any discussion above that of Commissioner and Provider, who will inevitably take a different position on the cost of care, since it looks at the Reports published by Healthwatch England and The Competition and Markets Authority.

As Essex Care Association, we have been attempting to build a good relationship with Commissioners for many years and I feel that this has been reciprocated more recently, particularly with the emergence of STP's.

Both of the Reports, to which I refer in my letter to the Secretary of State, conclude that funding for 'Care' must increase and I would like to know what your response is to these independent assessments.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Weir
Chairman of Essex Care Association