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From Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair

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Chair of the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee

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Chair of the Children, Young People & Education Committee

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Dear Dr Lloyd and Ms Neagle

Dr Sarah Wollaston, Chair of the House of Commons Health Committee, has asked me to reply to your letter to her of 1 August.

The Health Committee has not yet been re-established in this Parliament, so we do not yet know what it will be working on in the coming months. However, Dr Wollaston has indicated that she would be happy to meet later in the autumn when the Committee's programme is clearer.

In the meantime, I note that a number of the areas which your committees are working on reflect subjects on which the Health Committee worked in the last Parliament, and to which it may return. I note in particular the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's work on suicide prevention: I am sure that you will have noted the Health Committee's [two reports on that subject](#) in the last session of Parliament, and its intention to hold a follow-up hearing after there has been opportunity for the Government and other relevant stakeholders to implement the measures set out in the latest progress report (March 2017 report, para 169). I also note the Children, Young People and Education Committee's work on the emotional mental health of children and young people, which has strong resonance with the work the Health Committee did jointly with the House of Commons Education Committee on [children and young people's mental health—the role of education](#): that work was cut short by the general election, but the Committees expressed the hope in their report that their successor Committees would return to the issue in the new Parliament (para 4).

I am grateful for the offer to contact the Clerks of your Committees if we would like to discuss anything in further detail: likewise, I and my team would be very happy to discuss any aspects of our Committee's work with your teams further as required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Yardley', is positioned below the closing text.

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