

From the chief executive

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister

The future of the NHS and social care

We are writing to request a meeting to discuss your Government's plans for health and social care in England.

The NHS Confederation represents members across the health and care system, and we are keen to share insight from across the sector, and to work with you and your government to map priorities and support you in delivering on policy pledges.

You are committed to significant NHS, workforce and social care investment and to hold cross-party talks to put the social care system on a sustainable footing, both of which we very much welcome. At the same time, while we continue to support the vision and commitments of the NHS Long Term Plan, we are concerned about current pressures and the service's ability to deliver all its ambitions. If we are to bring about the change that is required, we do need to have realistic expectations and a wider public understanding of what is being attempted.

Enclosed is a report setting out the priority issues for the NHS and social care based on what health leaders have told us. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you and to work with your colleagues to deliver the essential transformation in the way care is provided.

If you think it would be helpful, we would be delighted to bring a small group of top NHS leaders to meet you and discuss how we can support the changes that are



needed. We believe such a meeting would be widely welcomed among leaders in our sector and that it would send a strong signal of your personal commitment to this area.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive, NHS Confederation

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Chief Executive, NHS Employers

Julie Wood
Chief Executive, NHS Clinical
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Chief Executive, Mental Health Network