



National Voices

People shaping health
and social care

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Dear David

CONGRATULATIONS FROM NATIONAL VOICES

Congratulations on being reappointed to the Department of Health's ministerial team. As I said in my letter to the Secretary of State (attached), continuity and experience are qualities much to be valued in these turbulent and uncertain times!

As you know, National Voices has worked closely with the Department and its bodies over several years, as one of its voluntary sector strategic partners. Our job is to ensure that patients and citizens have a full voice in decisions about health and care, from policy to front-line delivery. We also champion the contribution of the voluntary sector. The evidence is that citizen involvement powerfully drives improvements in health and wellbeing, treatment outcomes, research, innovation and productivity.

As part of our continuing work with the Department, I would be very grateful for the opportunity of a catch up meeting with you. We were closely involved in the accelerated access review that George Freeman was previously driving and are keen to understand and be involved in the next steps. We also have a number of concerns relating to Brexit. Given your portfolio, these might be issues worth discussing in particular.

I look forward to hearing from your office in due course.

With best wishes

Jeremy Taylor
Chief Executive