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**The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**  
*Secretary of State for  
Communities and Local Government*

**The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP**  
*Secretary of State for Health*

5 December 2017

Dear Leader,

On 10 October we wrote to every council expressing the urgency of our combined work to reduce delayed transfers of care before winter. Whilst we are still a long way off from delivering the 3.5% target needed to ensure we go into winter as prepared as we can be, it is encouraging that across the country around 1050 beds have been freed up since February 2017, with delays back down to levels last seen in summer 2016. It is vital that the focus and attention that has driven this improvement continues.

In our letter we confirmed our commitment to challenge entrenched poor performance by conducting a review in November of 2018/19 iBCF allocations announced at Spring Budget. Following this work we are pleased to confirm that there will be no impact on your additional iBCF allocation in 2018/19.

We remain committed to ensuring that councils and the NHS receive appropriate support to help tackle local challenges and barriers to performance. We are taking steps to ensure that councils and the NHS receive appropriate support to help tackle local challenges and barriers to performance and will continue to monitor performance nationally and locally to support you in this. Please do get in touch with Hulya Mustafa ([Hulya.mustafa@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Hulya.mustafa@dh.gsi.gov.uk)) to discuss the DToC support offer for your council.

In addition to this letter you will be hearing shortly jointly from NHSE and NHS Improvement on the support available, including through the Better Care Fund to

support continued reductions on delayed transfers of care.

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**RT HON SAJID JAVID MP**

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