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Dear Constituent

Thank you for your email about the Health and Disability Green Paper.

I appreciate that there is frustration at the delay to the Health and Disability Green Paper, but it is my understanding that, given the necessary focus on the departmental response to Covid-19, DWP are working to a longer timescale than previously anticipated. The Minister for Disabled People is continuing to engage with disabled people and their representatives and is committed to publishing the formal consultation document in the coming months.

The Green Paper will consider how to improve the Department for Work and Pensions' current services so they are better and easier to use, explore how extra support can help people navigate the system as well as what can be done to better support disabled people into employment.

I know that DWP has run workshops across the country where local disability organisations and disabled people have shared their experiences and priorities for future change.

Additionally, the Government plans to publish a National Strategy for Disabled People, which will focus on issues that disabled people say affect them the most across all aspects of daily life.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours Sincerely
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