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Dear Cathie,

Thank you for your recent letter to the CPA and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding, but I wanted to debate it with CPA members.

You mention that the CPA had made some specific asks of ADASS, and we were not clear what these were, but we were absolutely clear on your point about collaboration, and how important it is that we all work together at this time of crisis for the social care sector.

It is clear that the allocation by the Government of another £300m to add to the £162m for workforce issues, is not nearly enough to meet the challenges that we all face.

We do, of course, understand that public money has to be properly accounted for, but it is also important to recognise that this money was allocated directly for frontline care, and it is not unreasonable for us to expect that this money should be reaching the frontline as swiftly as possible.

We also fully appreciate the need for care providers to respond as quickly as possible to any request for information from local authorities, and we also expect local authorities to respond with similar swiftness when we are asking them for information, decisions, or support.

We are in absolute agreement on the importance of keeping up-to-date records of people using services and staff, and we hope that local authorities will keep similar up-to-date records of who to contact during the current situation, and also who is dealing with particular issues when staff are either not working or have part-time roles.

The Care Provider Alliance is committed to working collaboratively with colleagues in local authorities to ensure that we deliver the best possible response for people who use services, and we are absolutely committed to joint working with you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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