

Text from letter

**Department
of Health &
Social Care**

From the Ministerial Correspondence
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Dear Ms Pigott,

Robin Walker contacted the Department of Health and Social Care on 8 May on your behalf about myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). During this pre-election period the Department is not able to respond to enquiries on behalf of third parties without their consent. We are therefore replying to you directly.

In August, the Department published *My full reality: the interim delivery plan on ME/CFS*, which outlined actions that could improve the experiences and outcomes for people with the condition. These actions included expanding research, better educating professionals, improving attitudes towards the condition, and enhancing service provision.

A public consultation was also conducted to gather the views and experiences of healthcare professionals, organisations, and individuals with lived experiences of ME/CFS. The aim of the consultation was to assess how well the interim delivery plan identified and met the needs of the ME/CFS community, and to identify any gaps where further action may be necessary. The consultation received over 3,000 detailed responses.

The Department cannot comment further on this matter at this time. What happens on the issue of ME/CFS in the future will be a matter for the incoming Government.

Yours sincerely,

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