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Dear Dr Van Der Gaag and Mr Seale,

Thank you for your letter of 7 May to Dan Poulter with an update on the Health and Care Professions Council's (HCPC's) position on the regulation of adult social care workers in England.

I note your view that HCPC does not believe it would be appropriate for it to manage voluntary registers, including adult social care workers, and your proposal to establish a negative register.

The Department of Health is currently considering negative registers as a form of assurance for a number of professional groups, including adult social care workers, and officials in its Professional Standards team will contact you about this matter in due course.

I hope this reply is helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Lamb'.

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Approved by the Minister and signed by his Private Secretary in his absence to
avoid delay