



UK Health Alliance
on Climate Change

Rt Hon James Murray MP
Secretary of State
Department for Health and Social Care

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Dear Secretary of State,

I write to you on behalf of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

As an alliance of 55 UK health organisations (representing 1.2 million healthcare professionals) acting to address the growing climate and health emergency, we welcome opportunities to work with your department in this regard, to protect public health.

We also welcome the government's commitment to build an NHS fit for the future and the introduction of a new Health Bill. However, we are deeply concerned about the removal of the climate duty on NHS England and current proposals for future accountability.

Delivering a net zero NHS is a priority within the government's 10 year health plan and the recently commissioned Government reports including those of the [Joint Intelligence Committee](#) and [Climate Change Committee](#) warn of the imminent catastrophic dangers that climate change poses to life in the UK and to the health of its population. At a time when an acceleration in action is desperately needed, we believe that stringent enforcement of and accountability for such action is essential.

We would thus be keen to meet in order to better understand both your plans for future accountability, and how we and our members could best support them.

Kind regards

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Member signatures

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