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Dear Steve,

Thank you for inviting me to talk to the Health and Social Care Committee earlier this week about our plans to recover and reform NHS dentistry. I found it an extremely useful session and hope you did too.

At the session I agreed to share the modelling underpinning the estimate that our dentistry recovery plan will create an additional 2.5million appointments/1.5million courses of treatment.

Please find attached a more detailed explanation of the methodology used and rationale for how we arrived at these estimates. This modelling was also shared with the BDA as part of a FOI request which was responded to on 7th March and I have deposited a copy of the letter in the libraries of both houses for full transparency and ease of access for all MPs.

In addition, I talked about the stakeholder roundtable which I am holding on 27th March. An invitation to this has been sent to you and I very much hope you will be able to attend.

There were a few other issues that were raised on Tuesday which I have instructed my officials to explore further, namely:

- Whether there is anything more we can do to ensure veterans and their families are able to access NHS dentistry; and
- whether we can do more to improve digital connectivity within NHS dental services.

I will write to you with more detail about these in due course.

I would once again like to thank you and all the members of the committee for your work on this issue. I hope you found my response helpful and reassuring and I look forward to continuing to work with the committee as we continue to implement Our plan to recover and reform NHS Dentistry.

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