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Dear Baroness Finn,

Thank you for your contribution to the debate on Tuesday 23 July on The Constitution and Devolution. In the debate, you raised the duty of candour the Government committed to in our manifesto.

As outlined in the King's Speech, we will implement a 'Hillsborough Law' to place a legal duty of candour on public servants and authorities. It will address the unacceptable defensive culture prevalent across too much of the public sector - highlighted by recent reports such as Bishop James Jones's report into the experiences of the Hillsborough families and the recent Infected Blood Inquiry report. It is part of our wider efforts to create a politics of public service.

I am aware of the strong feelings on this matter in both Parliament and among the general public. We will continue to put country before party and will work with whoever has the best interests of rebuilding our public service at heart, to deliver legislation that achieves real and demonstrable change in the defensive culture you highlight. We will deliver this as part of our wider efforts to create a politics of public service.

I will submit a copy of this letter to the House library.

Yours sincerely,

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