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David,

Further to my previous correspondence to you in respect of your concerns regarding transitional funding for vulnerable people in Northamptonshire, please find enclosed a copy of a response I recently received from Mr Rishi Sunak MP, Minister for Local Government at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Mr Sunak states that the summer consultation on this year's financial settlement closed on 18<sup>th</sup> September and the Department are analysing responses now. There will be a further consultation following the publication of the provisional settlement, and as such Healthwatch will be able to contribute to this consultation.

Regarding your point of the financial difficulties Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) are facing, Mr Sunak states that the Commissioners have been appointed specifically to turn around the finances and ensure stability for the future. The independent inspection was clear that failures at the council was not due to a lack of funding.

I do hope you find this response informative and that it helps to address some of your concerns. I suggest you take Mr Sunak's advice by submitting your opinion to the upcoming consultation. If I can ever be of further assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

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