

28th September 2026

The Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London
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Dear Prime Minister,

We write together from across the political spectrum because we believe the message on hospice funding has now become unmistakably clear.

Within **each of our political parties**, MPs and Peers have heard from hospices, patients, families and communities about the increasingly unsustainable pressures facing end-of-life care.

Hundreds of Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum and both Houses have already publicly supported the wider call for fair and sustainable hospice funding.

The independent **Every Hospice Matters** national petition has now passed **100,000 signatures**, giving that Parliamentary concern an equally powerful public voice.

In recent days, that message has become more urgent still.

Lord David Blunkett's deeply personal intervention has articulated concerns already being expressed by Parliamentarians across our parties, while the hospice funding crisis and the experiences of families unable to access the care they desperately wanted have now led national news coverage.

Behind those headlines is a stark reality: hospice services are being reduced, beds remain unavailable and patients and families are increasingly experiencing the consequences.

We are therefore in agreement: the present situation is untenable and urgent action is now required.

As Lord Alton has summed up the breadth of feeling so simply:

“This isn't about left or right; it's about right or wrong.”

Hospice UK is now calling for **£112.5 million in recurring funding this year** as an immediate first step towards stabilising hospice care while the longer-term commissioning and funding reforms the sector needs are developed.

We support the objective of a fair and sustainable long-term settlement. But that settlement cannot arrive too late for hospices reducing services today, or for patients and families who need their care now.

Every day matters.

We therefore ask you to:

- 1. Act urgently to provide the immediate recurring revenue support needed to stabilise hospice services while a sustainable long-term settlement is developed;**
- 2. Personally receive the Every Hospice Matters national petition at Downing Street and meet some of the families behind its more than 100,000 signatures; and**
- 3. Work with us across party lines to establish a fair and sustainable long-term funding settlement for hospice and palliative care.**

In your statement to the House on 1 September, you said:

“This is politics done differently. Problem solving over point scoring.”

You urged colleagues on all sides of the House to help and said that this approach would characterise your time in office.

We believe hospice care presents an early opportunity to demonstrate exactly that approach.

Across our respective parties, we have heard the same message.

From the public, we have heard the same message.

From hospices, patients and families, we have heard the same message.

There is no longer a question about whether there is a problem. The question is what we collectively do about it.

The public consensus is there.

The Parliamentary consensus is there.

The need is urgent.

Prime Minister, now is the moment to act.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morgan MP - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson (Health and Social Care)

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