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Thank you for your kind response to my December 2016 letter, and for taking the time to share your position paper on palliative and end of life care with me.

I am truly impressed by the excellent work you are doing locally to improve end of life care through your focus on individual needs, wishes and preferences, and personalised care planning. I was delighted to read about the wide choice of services in Barnsley and the work you do to keep your End of Life Care Strategy relevant and up to date. I was also impressed to read approximately 1000 staff across Barnsley accessed formal end of life care training in 2015-16.

Since I last wrote, the National End of Life Care Programme Board has made excellent progress delivering the national end of life care commitment, as set out in the Government response to the independent Choice Review. The programme papers are now available online on the Ambitions Partnership Knowledge Hub <http://endoflifecareambitions.org.uk>.

The National End of Life Care Programme Board is offering organisations support to influence local Sustainability and Transformation Plans and enable local areas to commission and deliver care that fulfils the national commitment. For more information and support please get in touch with NHS England at ENGLAND.endoflifecare@nhs.net.

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