

# #SolveSleepIns



## PRESS STATEMENT

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*The #SolveSleepIns Alliance brings together charities and care providers challenging Government to fund the crisis in payment for overnight support.*

**Learning disability care sector warns Government that questions posed to Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) need to be answered before implications of the ‘sleep-ins liability’ can be measured accurately.**

**Responding to a second audit of charities and care providers in six months by DHSC, and a total lack of movement from Government to fund the crippling liability resulting from its own [mistaken guidance](#), a spokesperson for the #SolveSleepIns Alliance said:**

“The Alliance recognises that officials in the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have taken the time to engage with trade bodies in the design of another market analysis survey of providers. Whilst we welcome this engagement, there are a number of outstanding and critically important questions put to the DHSC that remain unanswered. If Government genuinely wants this latest audit to be truly accurate and representative of the increasingly fragile position with regards to retrospective overnight funding, these questions must be answered.

The Alliance will continue, as far as possible, to support the Government in a fair and accurate audit to measure the extent of potential failure and service withdrawal as time for providers to register with the Social Care Compliance Scheme runs out. Answers to the questions posed are vital for this exercise to succeed, and for continued viability of the sector in coming months.”

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## Notes:

The Department of Health and Social Care have commissioned Frontier Economics and LaingBuisson to undertake the work. Further information is available [here](#).

The **#SolveSleepIns Alliance** includes the [Association for Real Change](#), [Care England](#), [Learning Disability England](#), [Learning Disability Voices](#) and the [Voluntary Organisations Disability Group](#).