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Dear Ms Stanley,

Thank you for your letters of 8 July to the Secretary of State on behalf of the Huntington's Disease Association about disability benefit reform. The Secretary of State has asked me to reply on her behalf, and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

I recognise the challenges faced by people living with Huntingdon's and thank you for your important work in this area.

The Government is committed to ensuring that PIP is a non-means-tested cash benefit which is there for people, now and into the future.

That is why the Government has launched a wider review of the PIP assessment overall, to make sure it is fair and fit for the future in a changing world and helps support disabled people to achieve better health, higher living standards and greater independence.

As you know, I am leading this review, and we have published the Terms of Reference. We will engage widely over the summer to design the process for the work of the review.

I can assure you we are genuinely committed to co-producing the review with disabled people, the organisations that represent them, clinicians, experts, Members of Parliament and other stakeholders, to ensure that a wide range of views and voices are heard.

The review will ultimately report to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions for final decisions. We are committed to reporting the outcomes of the review to the House.

The precise timeline for the review will be determined over the summer, based on the design work with stakeholders, to ensure the review can fulfil its aims. We are committed to concluding the review by Autumn 2026.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Timms". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP
Minister of State for Social Security and Disability