

# The Labour Party

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Dear Specialised Healthcare Alliance,

Thank you for your letter and please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

Throughout this Parliament Labour has supported the national commissioning of services for rare and complex conditions as it ensures that patients have equal access to specialised services regardless of where they live in England. It also maximises the provision and co-ordination of care for these conditions. These are benefits we would want to see continue in the next Parliament.

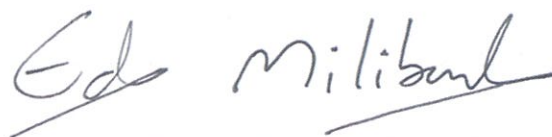
I know there are some concerns about the future of these services, both in relation to the devolution arrangements being discussed in the North-West, and also in relation to moves across the whole of England to transfer the commissioning of certain services to CCG level.

We would be more than happy to discuss these issues with the Specialised Healthcare Alliance after the election to ensure that any potential changes being considered to the delivery of these services do not affect the quality or consistency of provision.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the work of the Specialised Healthcare Alliance for all you do in campaigning on behalf of people with rare and complex conditions.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Ed Miliband