

Member briefing on submitting evidence to the Public Accounts Committee inquiry into financial sustainability of adult hospices in England - 1st September 2025

Background

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is a cross-party group of MPs that oversees and scrutinises government expenditure. Every year the Committee holds inquiries, gathering written and oral evidence from stakeholders and questioning ministers and civil servants.

The Committee has launched an inquiry into the **financial sustainability of adult hospices**. This follows the ongoing National Audit Office (NAO) investigation into the same issue, with their report expected in late 2025. The PAC will use the NAO's findings as a basis for this inquiry.

The Committee has launched a Call for Evidence and would like to hear directly from hospices on their funding context. This is a key opportunity for the hospice sector to highlight current challenges and press the case for a long-term, sustainable funding model.

You can read the full Call for Evidence and submit your response via [this online form](#). **We encourage members to submit a response to the inquiry as soon as possible. While no deadline has yet been set, we expect this to be in late October 2025.**

If you have any questions, please email us at policy@hospiceuk.org.

Suggested focus for your submission

The Call for Evidence does not set out specific questions. The Committee are broadly keen to hear from hospices about current funding challenges. We recommend you consider covering:

We could recommend that you include the following in your submission:

1. Contracting and commissioning arrangements – how services are funded and commissioned locally
2. Adequacy of funding – what services are covered by the funding you receive, and whether this reflects the true cost of delivery
3. Working with your ICB – the quality of your relationship, whether you are treated as an equal partner, and examples of good or poor practice
4. Close with a call on the government to work with Hospice UK to develop a long-term, sustainable funding model for hospices

Please note: Most written evidence submissions are published online permanently. Only include information you are comfortable being made public.

Guidance for submitting evidence

1. Clearly explain who you are and why you're contributing
2. Keep your submission concise. Submissions under 3,000 words are recommended. If longer, provide a short summary at the start.
3. Most evidence is published online permanently, with you/your organisation's name. You can request:
 - a. Anonymity – evidence published without your name. You must also remove identifying details from the text
 - b. Confidentiality – evidence seen only by the Committee, not published
4. Submit one editable file (Word, ODT, RTF). The file must be under 25MB and must not include logos or contact details. The submission form asks for these separately