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Mr Mellor wrote to the Lord President on 19 October seeking policy approval for a range of proposals on community care which it is proposed to include in the Health Service Bill.

The policy issues concerned were matters for E(A) Committee to determine. I understand that in the light of a number of detailed comments on Mr Mellor's proposals, and on the fuller proposals on community care in the draft White Paper circulated under cover of your Secretary of State's letter of 20 October, Ministers have now reached agreement on the outstanding policy issues, and the White Paper is to be published on 16 October.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, other members of H and E(A) Committees, to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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