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RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS FOR A CAA CONSUMER PANEL

HACC welcomes the opportunity to respond to the proposals for a CAA consumer panel.

We understand the preference that CAA has for its Option 3. In its role and composition this Option would fulfil most of the requirement as we see it and at a reasonable cost.

However, although the description mentions access to limited funds for independent research, the proposed budget does not show any such funds. We presume that this is an accidental omission. In addition, there is mention of the possibility of individual members of the panel being tasked by the Chair with specific projects, again within a modest budget. Therefore, we would expect the total costs to be perhaps £15,000 greater in order properly to accommodate these two activities.

Assuming that appropriate additional funding will be provided, we support Option 3 for the establishment of the CAA consumer panel.

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