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Dear Val and Sandie,

Thank you for your letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 in relation to ReSPECT and working together in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (C&P).

I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your letter firstly, due to the COVID pandemic and the refocus of priorities for our teams. Secondly, I have been working for the CCG but did not start officially until the beginning of April, so getting up to speed with the issues around ReSPECT has been more difficult.

Since your letter was sent, progress has been made due to the work of the End of Life Care Board (EOLCB) that I am aware Healthwatch is represented on.

I have discussed the use of ReSPECT across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with Prof. Stephen Barclay, C&P CCG / STP Clinical Lead for End of Life Care, and asked him to lead a Task and Finish group that will focus on the following:

1. Review resources and communication in relation to ReSPECT across C&P
2. Write an educational strategy that all providers sign up to completing
3. Review and develop an educational programme to support the introduction of ReSPECT
4. Review the CQC DNACPR report and completing an action plan to be signed off by the EOLSG
5. Benchmark the use of ReSPECT across C&P
6. Gain agreement from all providers across C&P to introduce ReSPECT
7. Make recommendations of what support is required by providers to embed ReSPECT

The task and finish group will update the EOLCB on a regular basis and will be disbanded once the outcomes above have been achieved. Healthwatch will be involved in actively reviewing the progress of the group through your membership of the EOLCB.

Currently I do not feel that a co-ordinator role is required as we already have an End of Life Care Programme Manager in post, Clare Moody, who is supporting the work of the task and finish group. I hope that this reassures you that the STP recognises the importance of this work. The task and finish group will identify the areas of focus for the STP: we are committed to working together with colleagues across the C&P system to implement and embed ReSPECT.

I would be very happy to discuss this further if required. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lesley Deacon'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'D'.

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**DEPUTY CHIEF NURSE**