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Thursday 27th February 2020

Dear Mr Morris

Re: The Regulation 28 Report submitted to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council regarding James Thomas Wheeler

Response to "The MATTER OF CONCERN", Paragraph 2

Stockport Council acknowledges that there has been a historic issue with regards to the timely undertaking of annual reviews in the Learning Disabilities Service. This is not an issue unique to Stockport Council alone as indeed many other local authorities are also challenged in this area, due to the present resources, service pressures and competing priorities.

However, at present Stockport Council is in the process of addressing these matters. A business case has been presented and agreed, in order to fund and create a dedicated review team comprising initially of six social workers plus a team manager - including an option to increase staff numbers as required - with a view to addressing the entire backlog of reviews throughout the financial year 2020/21. Furthermore, additional work will be undertaken with the intention of evaluating Stockport Council's staffing resource and implementing a sustainable model for managing reviews from April 2021 onwards.

I trust that the above information provides you with the reassurance that Stockport Council are addressing the area of concern that you have raised in relation to paragraph 1 of the Regulation 28 Report. However, if you do require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Director of Adult Social Care,

On behalf of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council