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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 24 March requesting further information following my previous response related to Petition P-05-812 and the implementation of NICE guidelines for Borderline Personality Disorder. I apologise for the delay in my response.

In respect of the recommendations included within the Royal College of Psychiatry's Position Statement on Personality Disorders, we have asked the NHS Mental Health Network to review the statement and consider if there are any additional specific actions required in Wales.

NICE clinical guidelines are purely guidelines and as such are not mandatory for implementation by NHS organisations in Wales. Having said that we would expect all organisations to take account of relevant NICE guidelines in the planning and provision of NHS services and reflect this as part of their integrated plans. The Welsh Government also works with the NICE Implementation Facilitator for Wales whose role involves supporting teams in Wales to make the best use of NICE products to deliver high quality services alongside other relevant standards when planning services for their populations.

In addition, NICE and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding and are exploring options to consider the implementation of NICE guidelines more systematically as part of the inspection process.

Yours sincerely,

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