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Dear Mrs Brown,

**Re: Victoria Georgia Halliday**

Thank you for your letter dated 20th October 2016.

The number of female PICU beds required in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) at any one time in the last three years has averaged approximately three.

In line with the national picture, there is recognition that the availability of general acute mental health and PICU beds is under pressure. This continues to be the case despite extensive efforts to minimise out of area placements. Since April 2016, there have been 10 female out of area placements made with an average length of stay of 45 days.

East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG, as the lead commissioners for mental health in LLR would prefer, if possible, for this service to be provided within the LLR border. However, we need to take account of demand, patient quality, cost and provider availability. With this in mind, we are unable, at present, to commission a local service that meets all of these requirements.

We are in discussion with potential provider organisations in an effort to try and resolve this. We are also working with regional commissioning colleagues in an effort to provide a wider range of options. If these initiatives prove successful, this should reduce the distance that both patients and family carers would have to travel.

The quality and safety of LPT services are specified in our contract with LPT, which includes CPA and follow up standards. These are monitored through review of quality and safety indicators at the Clinical Quality Review Group meetings and quality visits with commissioners. Quality indicators are reviewed and assurance on actions to improve areas of underperformance are discussed and monitored on a continuous basis.

With regard to a local network for the support of patients diagnosed with a personality disorder, this was recently discussed at the Mental Health Clinical Forum which is led by CCG GP and LPT Clinical

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Leads. A suggested model is currently being developed by Clinicians and will be submitted for consideration during the early part of 2017.

Yours sincerely

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**Managing Director  
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