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Dear Ms Persaud

**In the matter of Allison Aules Prevention of Future Deaths Report: Date of report: 30/08/2023
Ref: 2023-0313**

I write in relation to the above, to update you on some of the actions NHS North East London have taken and are planning to take.

Firstly, I'd like take this opportunity to formally acknowledge this was a tragic case and our sympathies are with the family.

Secondly, I wanted contextualise my response by outlining that NHS North East London are committed to improving the mental health and well-being of people across North East London and it is one of our key strategic priorities across the Integrated Care System (ICS).

For ease I shall update as below:

Under-resourcing of CAMHS services and the delays this is causing to assessment

- We are developing a business case to secure additional funding to support improved resourcing of CAMHS services within NELFT.
- The business case will include a proposal for seven day and evening working as it is felt that this will improve recruitment/retention.
- The business case will also include requirements to implement a face to face approach for initial CAMHS assessments.
- In partnership with NELFT, NHS North East London are reviewing the current clinical model
- CAMHS services are also part of transformation work which is being led by our Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative

Difficulties in recruiting consultant psychiatrists to CAMHS teams

- Recruitment of consultant psychiatrists is a national issue which we recognise locally
- NHS North East London is working with NELFT and other providers to support recruitment and looking at innovative ways of recruiting. This work is being led by our Chief People and Culture Officer, [REDACTED]

The growing demand in CAMHS referrals and the lack of capacity to deal with this.

- We recognise the growing demand in CAMHS services and this demand is being reviewed as part of the wider transformation work via our Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative
- With NELFT we are reviewing the current CAHMS community model with the aim of reducing referrals into the service
- In the short term for CAHMS for NELFT we have developed a business case for more funding to support this demand.

I trust this letter addresses your questions.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to come back to me.

Yours sincerely




Chief Nursing Officer
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