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Dear Mr Stewart,

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths dated 15 November 2023 about the death of Madeleine Eve Savory. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for mental health and patient safety.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Madeleine's death and I offer my sincere condolences to their family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention. Please accept my sincere apologies for the significant delay in responding to this matter.

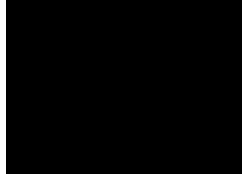
I note that you have received satisfactory evidence from East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust, the East of England Provider Collaborative and Northgate High School concerning the measures they have put in place to address the failures identified during the course of the Inquest.

Your report raises concerns over the availability of Tier 4 beds in paediatric mental health facilities. I understand that NHS England has carefully considered the matters of concern in your report and has provided you with a comprehensive response setting out the actions being taken to improve care quality and patient safety and improve availability of Tier 4 beds where these are needed.

The Department is supportive of NHS England's approach to reduce reliance on inpatient mental health beds for children with a severe mental illness by reviewing and re-designing the model of provision of NHS-funded inpatient treatment for children and young as part of its Quality Transformation Programme and moving towards a community-based provision of care, where children and young people are able to access appropriate support in a timely, effective, and patient-centred way, close to home and in the least restrictive environment, whilst improving access to high quality inpatient care where this is needed.

I hope this response is helpful. Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



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