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Dear Karen

Trafford Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

Thank you for your email dated 12th August 2016, sent whilst I was on annual leave.

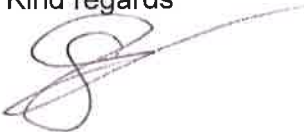
We thank you for the opportunity to respond, from this reply I hope you will recognise that following the February 2016 Trafford Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, UHSM provided email response to several questions and reports prior to and following the meeting. UHSM completed all actions and offered assurance that when the new national guidance and template policy is published we would amend our Discharge Destination Policy in line with the new Choice Agenda.

We advised the Committee that UHSM were working closely with the NHS Delivery Team acting as a pilot site and was actively working with the team that developed the Quick Guide. Following receipt of the new guidance and template policy UHSM have adopted the line taken by developing a new Choice Policy that shares the aims of managing discharges effectively and in a timely manner, so as to alleviate pressures on acute hospital trusts, also aiming to “ensure that choice is managed sensitively and consistently throughout the discharge planning process”. The draft Choice Policy is currently out for internal comment and will be circulated to our partners for comment shortly.

The next stage will be for the Policy to go through UHSMs internal ratification process and once ratified, Patient Flow will hold training sessions for both internal staff and external partners. Full implementation is unlikely to be embedded into practice until November 2016.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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