



Learning Disability England

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Louise Goldsmith

Leader of West Sussex County Council

County Hall,

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Via email: louise.goldsmith@westsussex.gov.uk

10th November 2017

Dear Louise,

Re: Deaths in Sussex Health Care.

We are writing to you as the Representative Body for Learning Disability England. We represent more than 750 members including people with learning disabilities, families, housing and care providers and commissioners in England.

We are extremely concerned about the deaths in Sussex Health Care services after seeing the report on BBC news last night. We have written a statement that can be found here: <http://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/news/deaths-in-sussex-health-care/>

Our main concern is the safety of other people being cared for by Sussex Health Care and the practices of West Sussex County Council commissioners and former Leader that have led to such unsafe care that people have died. We also want to be assured that other services commissioned by West Sussex County Council are safe.

We want to know how, if families have voiced their concerns since at least 2015, why no real action has been taken until now. We also want to know how it was possible for the former deputy leader of West Sussex County Council who was also responsible for adult

social care, was able to be paid by Sussex Health Care as an advisor. This is a very worrying conflict of interest.

We would appreciate a rapid response so that we can reassure our members.

Yours sincerely,



Alicia Wood,

On behalf of the Representative Body

Jordan Smith- self advocate representative

Lorna Ely- self advocate representative

Lynn Jackson- self advocate representative

Vicky Buckingham- self advocate representative

Claire Crossley- family representative

Lucy Burke- - family representative

Sheila Moorcroft - family representative

Wendy Burt - family representative

Scott Watkin- Seeability

Rob Greig – NDTi

David Abbey- MySafeHome

Alicia Wood- Dimensions

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