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Dear Nursing and Midwifery Council,

We are writing to you as the Representative Body of Learning Disability England. We are writing on behalf of LDE's members who are people with learning disabilities, family carers and organisations across the country.

We were appalled to hear of your recent decision to deem Maxwell Nyamukapa fit to practice, despite the fact that he punched and broke the jaw of a teenager with severe learning disabilities when he worked at Winterbourne View. We became aware of the news following the publication of an article in the [Bristol Post](#).

The learning disability world was turned upside down by the revelations of abuse at Winterbourne View and it pushed many organisations and individuals to action. We were determined to take what happened seriously and make sure that it would never happen again.

This is why we were so shocked to see that Maxwell Nyamukapa would be allowed to continue practising as a nurse. We really believed that we as a society had learned from the atrocious abuse that took place at Winterbourne View, and were agreed that such violence as Ben Garrod experienced was unacceptable.

In addition to being shocked by the decision itself, our members were also very concerned about the fact that you declined to comment on it. We believe that it is important to explain how this decision was reached when there are so many people with learning disabilities and family carers who are worried about it.

We are asking you to explain to us and our members how you came to decide that Maxwell Nyamukapa could continue to practice. We would also like to know whether the fitness to practice hearing was heard in private or whether it was open to the public.

People with learning disabilities have a right to good and safe care, free from violence and abuse. Those who do use their power and authority to abuse must be held accountable. We see this as a matter of human rights and respectfully request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this further.



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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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