



Learning Disability England

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Andrea Sutcliffe

Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care

151 Buckingham Palace Rd,

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Via email

10th November 2017

Dear Andrea,

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/>

We have written to the Leader of West Sussex County council to ask questions about the concerns we have.

As a colleague that we work closely with to improve quality in care, we know that you will also be troubled by this case. We noted in a BBC report in August that the CQC were alerted by West Sussex County Council by concerns about safety in the homes. Given that there were families sharing concerns well before this stage, we want to know what happened that meant that CQC inspectors did not pick up and concerns before then. We could not find reports on the CQC website and Sussex Health Care do not display their CQC rating as required under regulations.

We want to ensure that we understand exactly what has happened and how this led to the deaths of so many people in such a short space of time, so that we can make sure that systems and processes protect people in the future.

We understand that because of the current police investigation that you may not be able to respond fully but we would like to open a dialogue and reassure our members that action is being taken so that other people are safe.

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

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