

By email to: Info@LDEngland.org.uk

11th September 2023

Dear Learning Disability England and co-signatories,

Thank you for your letter of 23 August 2023 and for sharing your concerns about the availability of an easy read version of the Oliver McGowan draft code of practice and consultation questions. I am sorry that there have been delays in sharing these – the views of people with lived experience, their family members and organisations that support them, are absolutely valued and important to me and integral to the consultation process itself.

I am pleased to confirm that an easy read of the Oliver McGowan draft code of practice and consultation questions is now available and can be accessed at this link. I can also confirm that the deadline for responses to the easy read consultation process will be extended to 11:59pm on 16 October 2023.

I look forward to receiving the responses of anyone who has an interest in this consultation and hearing the views, expertise and experience that will be important to making this code of practice as clear and impactful as possible. I am absolutely committed to ensuring that health and social care staff receive the training they need to support people with a learning disability and autistic people and the Oliver McGowan draft code of practice and consultation is an important step in that journey.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maria', with a stylized flourish above the name.

MARIA CAULFIELD