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Mr Carl Quilliam and Ms Claire Mathys
Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidates for Wimbledon and Mitcham & Morden
By Email to: mertonlibdems@gmail.com

Our Reference: MP01740

Dear Mr Quilliam and Ms Mathys,

Thank you for your email of 3rd June 2017 2017 regarding your concerns that there are plans in place to change the referral criteria for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by no longer accepting referrals for assessment without an additional mental health condition requiring treatment. I appreciate this is of great concern to you, there recently having been a news article about this proposal.

I can inform you that discussions are taking place across South West London to develop a plan which ensures that children with ASD and their parents get all the support they need and ensuring that services are fit for purpose. Suggested changes to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Neurodevelopmental Assessment Service was referenced by the Trust at our board meeting, however no decision has been made by the Trust or by the Clinical Commission Groups about taking this approach forward.

We absolutely recognise the concerns of families of children with a neurodevelopmental condition and the groups who support them. Their concerns must be addressed in any proposal brought forward for consideration. Any potential changes to the service would require detailed engagement with stakeholders. The CCGs are fully committed to talking to local people before reaching any conclusions on the way forward.

The Trust and CCG commissioners are committed to making sure children and young people access the most appropriate service for their needs. We need to get the model of service and service capacity right to meet the full range of needs across South West London. Our plans are yet to be fully developed and discussed, but we want to be clear that nothing has been

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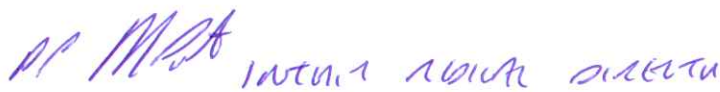


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decided by the CCGs or changed at this time and no change will happen in the next 12 months.

I do hope the above helps to address your enquiry. If you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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