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Dear Antek,

I write to invite you to attend a meeting to discuss ongoing concerns around the unlawful detention of people with mental ill health in Norfolk, as a result of shortages of healthcare provision in the region.

Before Christmas, Norfolk Constabulary provided me with several case studies of occasions where people had been detained in police stations for more than 40 hours while waiting for a mental health assessment or transfer to hospital.

I have enclosed a copy of this document, which also highlighted that police vehicles are regularly being used to transport patients to hospital due to long ambulance delays, as well as the use of police officers to accompany people in hospital for extended periods of time.

Clearly it is intolerable that the police should be left to cover gaps in healthcare provision in this way, and I am concerned about the additional distress that this must cause for people who may be experiencing an acute mental health crisis.

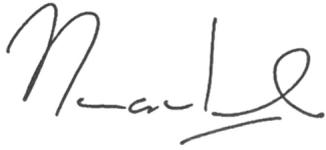
I am therefore writing to the heads of all relevant local services – Norfolk Police, Norfolk County Council, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and the East of England Ambulance Service – inviting all organisations to a meeting to find ways of ending this scandalous situation. As Chief Officer of North Norfolk CCG and the executive lead for the Norfolk and Waveney Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, I very much hope that you will agree to attend.

I would be grateful if you could contact Kate Savin in my office, who can liaise with you to find a suitable time and date. Her contact details are 020 7219 8480 / kate.savin@parliament.uk

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Lamb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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