Dear

**Re: CAMHS Referral for Looked After Child placed in your area**

**Name:**

**DoB:**

**NHS Number:**

**Address:**

I would like to clarify that the young person named above is a Looked After Child placed in ***(insert area name)*** by Nottinghamshire County Council/Nottingham City Childrens Services.

***(Name of CYP)*** is subject to ***(Legal Status)***. As his/her social worker, it is my responsibility to access a CAMHS service for this young person and in order to assist this process I have provided the following information, to clarify that this young person has an identified need for CAMHS involvement. Further information relating to any previous CAMHS involvement can be shared with the receiving service where appropriate.

***(Social worker to give a brief history of young person experience/presentation indicating the need for CAMHS Assessment/involvement)***

In line with the ‘Who Pays? Determining responsibility for NHS payments to providers’ (NHSE, 2020), which states that it is the responsibility of the ‘originating’ (in this case Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to commission and fund specialist health provision for looked after children who are placed out of their area; that unless there are existing contractual or reciprocal arrangements, there will be a charge for the CAMHS input.

“Who Pays? Determining responsibility for NHS payments to providers” provides the clear framework for establishing commissioning responsibility and at all times the principle in paragraph 1.4 of Who Pays? is paramount:

*“The safety and well-being of patients is paramount. The underlying principle is that there should be no gaps in responsibility - no treatment should be refused or delayed due to uncertainty or ambiguity as to which CCG is responsible for funding an individual’s healthcare provision. “*

“The safety and well-being of patients is paramount. No necessary assessment, care or treatment should be refused or delayed because of uncertainty or ambiguity as to which NHS commissioner is responsible for funding an individual’s healthcare provision.”

If the local CAMHS service does not accept the referral I would be grateful if you could inform me of this decision and if possible be signposted so that alternative therapeutic support can be sourced locally.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Name**

Social Worker

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