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Mr L McNaughton
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Dear Mr McNaughton

Re: Consultation Vulnerable Children LCO Committee

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. I am responding on behalf of Ceredigion & Mid Wales NHS Trust. As an organisation we strongly support any development which improves the wellbeing of children and young people.

With reference to this consultation, we wish to make the following points:

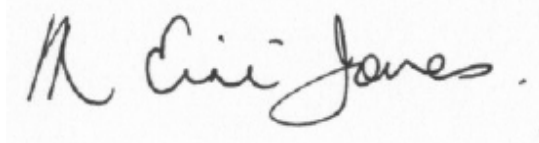
- We believe that the terms of the proposed order would both allow and strengthen the implementation of the vulnerable children and children's poverty policy agenda through the means of Measures. A current challenge in the children's policy arena is that said policy is not always implemented in full. The

main reason for non implementation is usually given as financial constraint. We believe that Measures will assist in improving this situation.

- We believe that the terms of the draft order are drafted appropriately.
- We agree with the definition of social care but feel that (b) in well-being could be strengthened by including the areas of abuse as outlined in the Children Act.
- We believe that the proposed exceptions are appropriate at present.

We would be happy to provide oral evidence if required and we would welcome the opportunity to contribute to further consultations in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miss M E Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Miss M E Jones
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