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Dear Mr Warren-Gray

**Update on SHSCT Position Re: Sanction on New Admissions**

As you are aware from our meetings of 26 June, to discuss Performance Notice 3, and 23 July, to discuss Performance Notice 2, the SHSCT continues to have ongoing concerns around the long term sustainability of agreed actions in relation issues raised both by the Validation Audit of the Adult Protection Investigation (API) and the Internal Audit report on the system of governance, risk management and control within the Valley around the management of client's finances. Whilst you have presented action plans outlining how MPS, with the additional operational management support of HCI, intend addressing these many of the action timescales are dates into the future and continued areas of training remain outstanding or require further input. Therefore, the SHSCT would like to allow a further period to ensure that actions are imbedded into practice to ensure the safety of current residents and any future potential placements.

A further validation of the API and follow up audit by Internal Audit will also be undertaken. Until both are completed and the Trust is assured that MPS have made changes, which can be sustained our position regarding suspension of the Valley from being included on the SHSCT's list of available residential care accommodation remains.

During my most recent conversation with Joel and you, I was made aware that a lifting of any sanctions would help avoid any potential difficulties during the transfer from MPS to Health Care Ireland. As a Trust we considered this during our subsequent deliberations, however our position relates to SHSCT placements only and this does not change your RQIA Certificate of Registration on the number of placements or Categories of Care that the Valley Nursing Home is registered for. The SHSCT will continue to review its position in this regard, on a regular basis but before we agree to lift any suspension we need to be assured that the Valley could provide safe staffing levels to scale up from the current occupancy position of around 60 residents to 96 as per registration.

In relation to the Novation Agreement we would again seek an update on your position and intention to sign.

Yours sincerely



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**Interim Director of Older Peoples Services**

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