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Subject: EMAIL TO STAKEHOLDERS

EMAIL ON BEHALF OF TRACEY BREHENY

Dear colleague,

I am writing in response to a number of concerns raised by stakeholders in Wales regarding the preparedness to implement the Liberty Protection Safeguards in April

2022 given the delay to the consultation process. This email is to assure you that we are in contact on a weekly basis with colleagues in UK Government and that we will inform you as soon there is a formal announcement regarding the date for the consultation and about how you can engage in the consultation in Wales.

I am also writing to re-iterate that the UK Government has indicated that the current implementation date of April 2022 is being kept under review to ensure the successful implementation of LPS.

Some stakeholders in Wales have understandably indicated the need to move forward separately on developing and commencing training on the Liberty Protection Safeguards ahead of the forthcoming consultation and in the absence of the draft Code of Practice and Regulations for Wales. We would advise strongly on waiting for the publication of the consultation materials before commencing related training on LPS. We will be running a series of engagement events in Wales to support stakeholders to engage in and respond to the consultation and we will confirm dates as soon as the UK Government has published the formal date for the consultation to commence. We would of course also be fully supportive of any planned training on the Mental Capacity Act and its core principles – given the importance of these to care, support and treatment planning and the future delivery of the Liberty Protection Safeguards. Welsh Government will be writing to health boards and local authorities shortly regarding funding for DoLS backlogs and training on the MCA.

We fully recognise your concerns about the current position and remain grateful for your continued commitment to support our workstreams and preparations for consultation and implementation.

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