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Dear Ms Stanley

Thank you for sharing with me a copy of your Autism Spectrum Conditions Report. The feedback which you have gathered provides great insight into the experiences of people with Autism Spectrum Conditions as well as the level of understanding across health services in Worcestershire.

I welcome the recommendations that you have made and can advise that these have been considered by members of the Worcestershire Integrated Commissioners Group. Through this mechanism the Clinical Commissioning Groups have helped to inform the response that you will have received from Worcestershire County Council (copy enclosed).

In addition to that response, there are also some recommendations for GP practices to consider in terms of raising awareness of Autism Spectrum Conditions and improving access to primary care services. You have indicated that you will not be requesting a response from practices individually but have requested support from the Clinical Commissioning Group in helping to gain their commitment to implement these recommendations. I am happy confirm that we will support you with this and am pleased to advise that we are already helping GP practices to improve their communication and signposting for patients as part of our Care Navigation Programme.

I would be happy to update you with this work as it progresses. If you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

Simon Trickett
Accountable Officer

On behalf of:

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, NHS South Worcestershire CCG and NHS Wyre Forest CCG