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Cc: Alison Gilhooly
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Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, press release attached. My notes below on each section:

Collapse of Services

SG policy agreed they will respond to this section

Ignored Evidence

This relates to the 2 reports (CHAS and Alliance). Alison has already replied to [REDACTED] on this stating that there were no plans to respond formally, particularly as the network commissioned the Alliance report. Could you provide some evidence/information on how the reports were shared with network stakeholders?

Public Communication

SG will respond to public facing updates part.

The “use google” comment is inaccurate – could you pull out the wording from Alison’s response to [REDACTED] From memory it was along the lines of “a simple web search for local board and Long Covid services” and the fact that we asked for more information on anything else they thought would be helpful.

No National Standards or Oversight

We will draft some lines on the fact that boards are responsible for developing and delivering services, but could you provide evidence/information on the products developed by the network – GP referral, children’s pathway etc.

Partner Disengagement

Not accurate to say that most health boards and third sector bodies have stepped away. Again, could you provide some narrative on the Alliance group and the ongoing engagement from health board service leads, and the education activity via Echo sessions and the research symposium.

Marginalised Lived Experience

Not accurate to state that lived experience has been sidelined. Could you give narrative on outputs of research symposium and feedback and what has been done with that. Also, information on management of actions and risks in lived experience group please.

Transparency Breakdown

I’m not aware that we have paused or shut down workstreams – information on rationale for streamlining governance and working groups needed here and need to address the Terms of Reference point – can we provide evidence/information on development of Terms of Reference. Important to highlight the work done to include lived experience reps as observers on working groups and members of oversight board and the visibility they have across Teams channels etc.

A Breach of Rights and Equality Obligations

SG will respond to this one.

Thanks,

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