



Older People's Commissioner for Wales

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Dear Tracy,

Safeguarding in Hospitals in Wales

In June 2017, I wrote to you in respect of the safeguarding and protection of older people receiving care and treatment in the hospitals and wards of your health board, specifically with reference to section 7 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

I am grateful to all of your staff who participated in the review I undertook and I enclose a copy of my findings.

I was really pleased to be able to report that all health boards engaged positively with this review and that they have generally responded constructively to the act and the statutory duties it has introduced.

I found that leadership had improved, as had resourcing, and safeguarding was increasingly within the core work of Health Boards. There are, however, a number of significant factors that are weakening

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the overall approach in Wales and these are examined in detail within the report.

At this stage, I require no further action from you as I have written to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and the Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales, asking them to respond corporately on behalf of Health Boards. However, I would be grateful if you would ensure that this report is discussed at full board and considered in detail by your relevant safety committees.

I may write further once I have received a response from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and the Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales, but in the meantime I would again like to thank your staff for the open way in which they engaged in this review and the good practice that is clearly developing across Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Rochira". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sarah Rochira
Older People's Commissioner for Wales

**CC: Andrew Davies, Chair, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University
Health Board**