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NHS Western Isles Letter of 4 June 2013

Dear Andrew

Please note the formal response from NHS Western Isles in relation to Public Petition PE1471.

“NHS Western Isles is committed to developing person centred care and services that meet the needs of all patients and provide the best clinical outcomes. The specific needs of children and adolescent are recognised.

In terms of current care accommodation, NHS Western Isles has one area dedicated to children/young adults up to the age of sixteen. This area is located within a medical ward and patients are cared for by dual trained nurses with paediatric and adult Registration. A side room is also available if required.

I would be challenging in relatively small hospitals to entirely further separate out child/adolescent care due to the very small numbers admitted. However, during the period of admission staff are delegated to the child/adolescent care during the period of admission within the dedicated area.

Our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are largely community based with little or no need for hospital admission in the last two years.”

Should you wish further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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