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Dear Zillah

Re: NELFT/NHSE SARC PAEDIATRIC SERVICE

It is with regret that I am writing to formally advise you of our intention to end current service provision with NHS England in relation to the Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) delivered via our Paediatric Service and would therefore like to issue a three month notice period from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

NELFT currently rely on one allocated Consultant within the service who will is no longer able to cover this role. Our service Assistant Director and Associate Medical Director have reviewed this gap in capacity within the service over recent months in an effort to seek alternative cover, however due to current demands on NELFT Paediatric Service (Thurrock, Basildon & Brentwood), this has been unsuccessful and we are therefore unable to sign up to a new contract for the financial year 2022/23.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all relevant staff involved in the delivery of this service for their support over the course of the contract thus far. It has been greatly appreciated. We will await your formal response to this letter, however, if you would like to contact us in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Hall, Assistant Director – SET CAMHS & Children's Community Services Essex and Thurrock at Sharon.Hall@nelft.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely,



Gill Burns
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