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Dear Mr D Burden

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
EHRC Letter Before Action**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

**You asked:**

- 1. What was your formal response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) 'Letter Before Action' that you received in respect of your policy on NHS Continuing Healthcare? Please provide SIA with a copy of any correspondence sent to EHRC.**
- 2. Following the 'Letter Before Action' from the EHRC, what (if any) actions have you taken to ensure your 'Settings of Care' or 'Choice and Equity' policy in respect of NHS Continuing Healthcare meets the approval of the EHRC?**

Please find enclosed a copy of the formal response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) sent by Karen Smith, Service Lead of Continuing Healthcare and Complex Care, on behalf of NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG, NHS South Cheshire CCG, NHS Vale Royal CCG and NHS West Cheshire CCG on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

This letter sets out the actions that the CCGs listed above are taking in response to the 'Letter before Action' from the EHRC. The EHRC have advised that they will not be taking further steps towards proceedings at this time in light of the assurances in this letter (enclosed is a copy of the EHRC response of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018).

If you have any queries or concerns, wish to request a review of our response or are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to this Freedom of Information request, please do not hesitate to contact the Governance & Compliance team; details provided at the top of this letter.



If you request a review of our response and are not content with the subsequent outcome, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Freedom of Information complaints procedure provided by NHS Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely



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Enc: Letter from Karen Smith, Service Lead of Continuing Healthcare and Complex Care to Equality and Human Rights Committee dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Response from the Equality and Human Rights Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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