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Services, David Pearson

Regional Director NHS
England (Midlands and East),
Paul Watson

To: Chairs of Safeguarding Adult Boards
Chairs of Regional Quality Surveillance Groups
Directors of Adult Social Services

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Safeguarding adults boards (SABs), quality surveillance groups (QSGs) partnerships

In March 2014, the National Quality Board (NQB) published a second edition of the QSG operating model "*How to make your Quality Surveillance Group effective*". The guidance considers how QSGs and local government can work together, particularly in relation to safeguarding.

Since the NQB guidance was published, the Department of Health has issued "*Care and Support Statutory Guidance*" (October 2014) under the Care Act 2014, including a clear legal framework for how local authorities and other parts of the health and care system must work together to protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect. The guidance specifically references partnerships with QSGs.

Through the work of the QSG steering group, NHS England and representatives from Local Government have considered whether there is specific action that could be taken to ensure that SABs and QSGs are maximising partnership opportunities.

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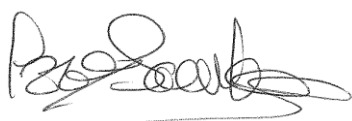
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We have agreed that an important early action is to ask the QSG network and SABs through this communication to formally consider whether there is further local action required in order to meet the duties and responsibilities for SABs and QSGs (as partners) as set out in the "Care and Support Statutory Guidance" (DH October 2014).

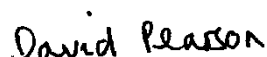
We recognise that there will be examples of excellent practice in relation to the development of working relationships between SABs and QSGs and we would welcome feedback from the respective networks on any examples of good practice that can be shared.

If you have any question in relation to this letter or examples of good practice that you wish to share, please contact Sylvia Knight (NHS England) at sylvia.knight@nhs.net.

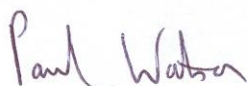
Yours sincerely,



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