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Enquiries to Dr Adam Coldwells

Sent via email

Dear Lewis

Psychological Therapies in Primary Care in Moray

I have spoken with Mrs Pam Dudek regarding your query and at the time of the Committee in December 2019 she had not been made aware of the debate around the future of this service and apologises for not having had the full information.

On return to Moray Mrs Dudek looked into the query and found some issues in decision making around this service. Those decisions were not in themselves wrong and partly related to the complex funding arrangements for psychological therapies and the fact that the ongoing funding had not been formally confirmed amidst significant local funding pressures.

I am pleased to say that this has now been addressed and the Moray Partnership is working towards the return of a full service. We now have a new Clinical Director for Psychology in NHS Grampian who is working closely with the Head of Mental Health Services and Head of Primary Care in Moray to ensure this service is developed appropriately alongside those of the Shire and City. Funding wise we continue with an interim risk pending formal communication, this risk is considered to be low.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Coldwells'.

**Dr Adam Coldwells
Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Grampian**