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Dear Ed

## **Guardianship Under the Mental Health Act 1983 National Statistics**

I am writing to advise that due to operational pressures, and as agreed by Department for Health and Social Care Ministers, we have paused for one year the **Guardianship Under the Mental Health Act 1983** data collection from Local Authorities pending a wider stakeholder engagement.

Due to the late emergence of the pressures, unfortunately we were not able to consult fully with all users on this pause and, instead, based the decision on the relative usage statistics of our publications, along with feedback from local and national user representatives on national groups.

Local Authorities are still holding the data and this one-year pause does not pre-empt any broader decision around the future of this publication which will be subject to fuller user engagement, with the ability to include the intervening year's data.

Yours sincerely,



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