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Dear Sarah,

Collection of Out of Area Placements for Adults in Acute Mental Health Inpatient Services Direction (Extension No 3) 2018

I am writing to provide confirmation that the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care will provide funding to the Health and Social Care Information Centre, known as, and hereafter referred to as NHS Digital, to continue to operate an informatics support service for the collection of information about out of area placements (OAPs) for adults in acute mental health inpatient services. This is in response to the Direction, known as the **Collection of Out of Area Placements for Adults in Acute Mental Health Inpatient Services Direction (Extension No 3) 2018** which allowed for the collection to continue from 1st April 2019 to 31st October 2019 subject to funding being available. NHS Digital should publish this confirmation letter alongside the Direction.

The **Collection of Out of Area Placements for Adults in Acute Mental Health Inpatient Services Direction (Extension No 3) 2018** is therefore extended to 31st October 2019 in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1), (2)(b) and (6), 260(1) and (2)(d), 262(1) and (2)(a), 274(2) and 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and Regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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