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Tuesday, 09 June 2020

Dear [name],

My name is Ben McCay and I am Chair of trustees of Oxfordshire Charity My Life My Choice.

Our charity is run by and for people with a learning disability. Like all 15 of my fellow trustees I have a learning disability.

I have enclosed a copy of our latest Annual Report which explains more about what our charity does.

I am writing to you because we want patients with learning disabilities to be moved up waiting lists at the expense of those with less urgent needs, to give our health a better chance.

Patron - Dr Sara Ryan
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I would like to share our reasons for wanting to be prioritised on the NHS waiting lists.

We are not asking to jump the queue, we are just worried because people with a learning disability continue to die younger than people in the rest of the population, with about 15-18 years difference.

Covid-19 has highlighted the negative impact health inequality has on us.

Additionally, data from the CQC shows that since June 2020, the death rate for people with a learning disability has more than doubled nationally and we believe more needs to be done for our future.

This adjustment has been previously made by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and we hope the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning group can make this life-changing decision for us.

Kind regards,

Ben McCay

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