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Dear Jan and Sharon

Formal notice of transition to System Operating Framework (SOF) Category 3

As you will be aware, a paper was considered at the March 2022 System Oversight Committee (SOC) of NHS England and NHS Improvement. This recommended that Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust should transition from Segment 4 to 3 of the NHS England and NHS Improvement System Oversight Framework (SOF) and would therefore no longer need the support of the Recovery Support Programme (RSP). I am pleased to confirm that SOC approved this recommendation. Please accept this letter as the formal notification that your trust will be transitioning to SOF3 and will no longer be within the RSP.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the hard work that you and your teams have contributed, to improve the quality of care to your patients in a sustainable way, and to make progress with the deep-seated and complex challenges that led to the decision to support your trust via the RSP.

As you will know, your trust entered the RSP for reasons of quality. The recommendation to move your trust from SOF 4 (mandated intensive support) to SOF 3

(mandated regional support) was made in recognition of the significant progress made but also took on board the further work needed to sustain continuous improvement. The strong transition support package agreed, alongside some mandated support in the form of undertakings, has been designed to enable the sustained delivery of improvements.

To assist with this, the North East and Yorkshire regional team will oversee the tapering of support and delivery of the Transition Package of Support that will be aimed at supporting your journey.

As your trust moves out of the RSP and transitions from SOF 4 to SOF 3, the National Intensive Support team will organise a RSP Review Meeting with NHSEI National Executives and Regional and System Partners, to acknowledge the progress made, consider the approach to ensuring the improvement is sustained and understand the lessons learnt from your time in the RSP. The national team have already been in touch to progress this and are in the process of confirming an agreed date.

If you wish to discuss the above or any related issues in more detail, please contact Sue Holden, National Director of Intensive Support or Tracey Grainger, Regional Intensive Support Director, in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely,



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