

04 March 2013

Cllr Ed Davie  
Chair Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee  
London Borough of Lambeth  
Scrutiny Team  
Lambeth Town Hall  
Brixton Hill  
London, SW2

Dear Cllr Davie,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 November 2012 regarding South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust ('the Trust').

We note the concerns you have raised with respect to the Trust's communication with stakeholders of the attendance of the Metropolitan Police's Tactical Support Group at the Bethlem Hospital on 1 October 2012. Monitor has spoken to Gus Heafield, Interim Chief Executive on 4 March 2013 who confirmed that the Trust has reviewed its procedures for alerting stakeholders of incidents within the local protocols that it holds with these stakeholders, and, that it has protocols in place with local police forces covering the use of police assistance. Gus noted that should police assistance be judged as necessary, it was then a police decision as to the nature of officer attendance. Gus reiterated his intention to be as open and transparent as possible in future.

If you find similar issues arising at this Trust in the future, please alert Monitor as soon as possible as this may indicate wider governance weaknesses at the Trust and may therefore warrant further regulatory action from Monitor.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely



**Sebastian Nai**

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