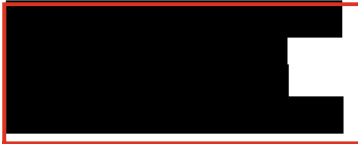




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**Re: South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

I wish to inform you of the progress in relation to the matters you raised in your letter of 9 November 2007. I informed the Dean of your concerns and followed up our queries to his initial response on 17 January 2008. The Head of School,   has provided a report on the actions taken (received 28 January 2008).

Of several key actions, trainees should now be represented at a taskforce group which will be meeting again in March to review progress. The range of actions taken has been in direct response to the issues identified in your letter. It would appear that the deanery and school are taking appropriate and careful action.

PMETB will continue to monitor the issues you raised with us. The PMETB trainee survey outcomes will be published in April; we will of course particularly check the responses for psychiatry at all sites in the East of England deanery. In addition the next PMETB visit to the East of England is due in September 2009, we will specifically target the experience of psychiatry trainees as one key strand. In the meantime the East of England will be providing an annual report to PMETB in 2008 and again in 2009. PMETB will expect an update on the progress and improvements in these annual reports.

The Head of School has used similar actions and approaches in other parts of the East of England deanery. These will also be monitored.

Finally if you continue to have concerns, please ensure the Head of School and Dean are aware of these and that they have opportunity to respond further. If however you and/or the Royal College of Psychiatry have ongoing concerns that have not been satisfactorily addressed then please contact PMETB again.

My best wishes

Yours sincerely

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Director of Quality

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