Dear Learning Disability Provider Partner,

You may be aware that Surrey Choices has sought to find mechanisms for redeploying staff across the learning disability sector in Surrey during these testing times. I am pleased to share with you a 'Statement of Collaboration' (attached) which sets out some principles that we would hope all providers who wish to participate will sign up to; the statement has been approved by Surrey Choices, Surrey Care Association and Surrey County Council.

At Surrey Choices we find ourselves in the extraordinary position of having had to close many of our services, providing remote support to many as an alternative. As a result, we are able to redeploy a number of colleagues to support partner organisations, where they experience unsafe or critically low staffing levels due to their workforce reducing as a result of people self-isolating or shielding. We would encourage any other provider which finds itself in the same situation to contribute in the same way, and we are happy to provide support to you if you require it, and we are offering to coordinate this effort across the sector in Surrey.

We would encourage providers who are struggling to provide safe levels of support to reach out and have set up a dedicated email address and telephone number for this purpose; these contact details will be in effect for the duration of the crisis only, and they are as follows:

Email: providerrequests@surreychoices.com

Telephone: 01483 806800

Our colleague Christine Earl will be coordinating the effort with the support of others as necessary.

Best wishes,

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