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Dear Ms Henderson,

I am writing to you in relation to a question you submitted to the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership, regarding the provision of day care to residents at Murraypark.

Murraypark is an 18-bedded NHS Continuing Care Unit for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. The day service to residents was previously commissioned by the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) from Leonard Cheshire, a voluntary service provider, however, an opportunity arose to review this provision and instead provide the service in-house by NHS staff. CEC therefore ceased the contract with the voluntary provider, giving 3 months notice.

The aims of these changes are to provide additional hours of day activity for the residents at Murraypark, and to make this more flexible than was previously the case. There have been some delays in getting the NHS service in place and the transitional phase will unfortunately cause some disruption until a stable trained staff group is in place. In the meantime, day activities are being covered by agency staff and other staff from across the NHS Lothian Learning Disabilities Service.

I hope that this clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely

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