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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your email of 7th February 2025 to both myself and the Safeguarding Minister regarding a statutory duty to provide appropriate adults (AA) for vulnerable adults in police custody, interviews and strip searches.

I wanted to provide you with an update on your case, in which I intend to respond to fully in due course. Unfortunately, the response is taking longer than expected due to the complexity of this issue, and I have been holding robust discussions with officials given the need for careful consideration of the issues you have raised.

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay. I will endeavour to have a full response to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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