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Dear Mr McHendry

Thank you for your letter and email of 8 July 2007 in which you raise your concerns about Gillian McCarthy. You have also written to Sir Michael Pitt, Chair of the South West Strategic Health Authority.


As I am sure you are aware, arrangements for the move of Gillian McCarthy to a new location, into a specifically adapted mobile home, are the responsibility of South Somerset District Council.

Somerset Primary Care Trust is the local NHS organisation with responsibility for health services for residents in Somerset. The Primary Care Trust has been contacted and I am assured that they will continue to provide Gillian McCarthy with access to primary and community care services and emergency support services as required. The Primary Care Trust also undertakes to fund filtered water supplies and other support on a continuing basis.

As I am sure you will appreciate, regulations relating to patient confidentiality mean that it is not possible to share with you any specific details of the health care needs of Mrs Gillian McCarthy.

I am sending a copy of your letter and this response to Ian Tipney, Chief Executive of Somerset Primary Care Trust so that he may be aware of your concerns.

Yours sincerely



SIR IAN CARRUTHERS OBE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Cc: Ian Tipney, Chief Executive, Somerset Primary Care Trust