

2 July 2024

Dear Amanda,

Centre for Trauma, Resilience and Growth (CTRG)

As you will be aware, Nottingham City Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee met on [16 May 2024](#) to review access to psychological therapy services by Nottingham residents, with a particular focus on the Step 4 provision delivered by the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. During the discussions, the Committee became concerned regarding information that the CTRG had been decommissioned by the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) as of 8 May 2023 – and, although related services were now being delivered through the wider Secondary Care Psychological Therapies Pathway via Step 4, this provision is not substantively the same as that which had been available through the CTRG.

As a consequence of this meeting, the Committee requested further information from the ICB on this matter, and I am grateful to your colleagues for providing this at pace. Unfortunately, the details as set out raised further concerns that confirmed my view that the ICB decommissioned, and consequently closed, a service for people who have experienced trauma with no reasonable alternative provision in place.

I am therefore writing to set out my intention to recommend to the Committee that it refers this matter to the Secretary of State for their consideration, on the grounds that a substantial change has been made to a commissioned service without an appropriate consultation process having been carried out by the ICB.

I have enjoyed what I have found to be a good working relationship with the ICB following the resolution of and learning from the closure of the Platform One GP Practice in 2021. However, I have come to this current decision because, unlike with Platform One (where the Committee had time to consider the closure in more detail), the CTRG has already been closed – with the potential impacts and consequences only recently coming to the Committee's attention.

This is a decision that I have not taken lightly and, if you believe that there may be an alternative course of action, I would be most glad to meet and discuss this with you further. If you do not consider that there would be anything to be gained from further discussion at the local level, I would be very grateful if you could let me know before the Committee's next meeting on **Thursday 11 July 2024**.

In the interests of transparency, I intend for this letter and your response to be published – though due to the current period of pre-election sensitivity, this would not be done until after the coming General Election on Thursday 4 July.



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As the CTRG covered the wider Nottinghamshire area, I also send a copy of this letter to Councillor Roger Jackson, as Chair of Nottinghamshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Power', with a stylized, flowing script.

Councillor Georgia Power
Chair of the Nottingham City Council Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee