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Dear Katrina,



My name is Paul Scarrott and I have a **learning disability**.



I am a Trustee for the Oxfordshire self-advocacy charity **My Life My Choice**.



Our charity has over **500 members** and we work to give people with learning disability a **strong voice**.



**Congratulations** on being awarded the NHS Chief Executive of the Year Award.





Our members and I were horrified to hear about what happened to **Connor Sparrowhawk** at the Slade.



The report into his **death** said that it was **preventable**.



I would like to read the report but I cannot find an **Easy Read** version.



**Why** doesn't Southern Health have an Easy Read version of the report?



There have been **many examples** of poor care, abuse and bullying of people with learning disabilities over the years. This is just the latest in a long line of **depressing stories**.



Our charity is **desperate** to see some **positive change** this time.



For many years we have spoken up for...

- self-advocate and family led **training**,
- **experts by experience** to carry out inspections, and
- for **accessible information**



It is time for Southern Health and the local Commissioners to **make some changes**.



It is time for Southern Health and the local Commissioners to **stop talking** about user-involvement and...



... start giving self-advocates and family carers the **power to shape services**.



We often work with staff from Southern Health (and previously Ridgeway Partnership) to try and **improve health** for people with learning disabilities.



**Jason Warner** (Senior Locality Nurse, Oxfordshire) is a good friend of ours; he has helped us do lots of good work.



I hope that you can **lead your staff** to make the changes that are desperately needed.



I also hope that you can use your leadership skills to **help Connor's Mother, Sara Ryan...**



...she **doesn't seem to be very happy** about how she and her son have been treated by Southern Health.

Kind Regards,

Paul Scarrott (supported by Bryan Michell, Charity Coordinator)  
Trustee  
My Life My Choice

