

To Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt Secretary of State for Health 21 November 2016

Dear Mr Hunt,

**Evaluation and tracking of the National Freedom to Speak Up Guardian's effectiveness**

On 15 July I asked Mr Ben Gummer how the Department of Health will evaluate and track the effectiveness of the National Guardian for whistleblowing.

Four months on, the most that the Department of Health can tell me is that it has regular meetings with the CQC. Please see the correspondence below.

Surely there should be a more thorough approach by the DH to what is a substantial use of public money. This is particularly given that the Guardian model is not evidence based and its many flaws have been pointed out ad nauseam by whistleblowers.

The Freedom to Speak Up Review was published and accepted by the government 21 months ago. I am concerned that at this late stage, the DH cannot provide more details of the specific performance metrics will be applied to the National Guardian's office.

If the forthcoming Framework Agreement with the CQC does not contain any details of specific metrics on the National Guardian's effectiveness, can you please advise if you will ensure that a proper means of evaluating the office is developed and shared with all stakeholders.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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