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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December regarding the council resolution about the independent CSE assurance review.

As you are aware, the independent review was commissioned by the Mayor in his role as PCC after allegations about historic CSE in the borough were raised with him by Cllr Fielding and the Chair of the Oldham Safeguarding Partnership. That review is ongoing and at present looks set to report in the middle of 2021.

I note that the council motion refers to allegations about the interviews conducted by the review team and the accuracy of notes provided to interviewees. I would like to make clear that notes of interviews are written by a member of business support staff of the GMCA and provided to interviewees to check and amend where necessary. This process has been followed for all interviewees. If any interviewee has any concerns about the notes of their interview I would encourage them to contact the review team to discuss. I also note that concerns have been raised about the review team failing to attend interviews. To my knowledge, there has been one instance where an interviewee had been offered a provisional date for an interview, which could not go ahead for legal reasons and more could have been done to keep the interviewee informed on progress.

If anyone has information which may be relevant to the review I would support the council resolution to ask that this be submitted by 15 January.

Yours sincerely



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