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From Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair

Mark Russell

Letter by email to russell.mark@btinternet.com

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Dear Mr Russell

Thank you for your further correspondence of 28 March, making specific reference to the implications for statutory regulation of the case of Philip Batten.

You ask a number of questions about the implications of the case and actions which you suggest should be taken following it. I should perhaps clarify that, to the extent that there are deficiencies in the regulatory regime, the Health and Social Care Committee is not the body responsible for rectifying them, or for taking action in any particular case. Our role is that of scrutiny: we have no executive function. I note that you have drawn the case to the attention of your own MP in what you refer to as your response to the recent letter from the Minister. Further correspondence with the Minister appears to me to be the appropriate way of pursuing this issue and I would encourage you to follow that route. I would be interested to see the Minister's response when you, or your MP, have received it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Wollaston".

Dr Sarah Wollaston MP
Chair of the Committee