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Dear ADP Chair

Drug and Alcohol Information System (DAISy)

I wanted to update you on an important milestone change in the DAISy project. As I am sure you are aware DAISy will provide us with key demographic and outcome data on people who engage in drug/alcohol treatment services. It will enable us to improve our understanding of the impact of these services and consequently our approaches to service planning and delivery.

Over the past 6 months, a significant amount of work has gone into the implementation phase of this project. Despite this, the DAISy Executive has identified some unexpected challenges with the system which mean that it will not be ready for implementation until 1 April 2019.

I do appreciate your work to prepare local services and systems to be ready for DAISy and understand that the delay to the implementation may in itself present new challenges. I can also understand your frustration given the expectations that you have for the system and the potential for using this data.

The decision to delay the implementation has not been taken lightly and has not changed our commitment to this project. The decision follows an independent review of the system carried out by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and consensus within the DAISy Executive that the system requires a further work to be robust and fit for purpose. This review has enabled also us to develop a much better understanding of the challenges in the IT development and has led to a revised action plan which will ensure delivery for the new implementation date of 1 April 2019.

You will be aware that training for DAISy did not take place in June, July and August this year as previously planned. Colleagues within ISD will be in touch shortly to set up dates for December 2018 and January, February 2019.

This new timeframe will also enable a small number of ADPs to act as early adoptors between January – March 2019. Again colleagues from ISD will be in contact directly with you about involvement in this part of the work.

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this delay causes and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have specific concerns.

Yours sincerely

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