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Dear Alan,

I am writing to thank you and your partners across Wakefield for the completion of the Health Self Assessment which you sent us in April. Please find below our comments on the work you have told us about, both in your return and also at the June Validation meeting. We are attaching this year an additional sheet giving detailed Panel feedback notes from that meeting.

Your 2010 RAG ratings for the 4 Targets are:

T1	People still in hospital or campus settings	Green
T2	Access to mainstream	Amber
T3	Safety	Amber
T4	Services for those needing more support	Amber

We recognise that you have worked really hard over the past year and would like to particularly commend your work in the following areas:

- Introducing a range of prevention and health promoting activities to address identified areas of health inequality
- Introduction of an excellent range of initiatives across mainstream primary and secondary care, by Strategic Health Facilitator and others
- Developing close case management of people with a learning disability in general hospital; securing funding for a 1-year acute liaison post
- Strong partnerships across your own and neighbouring health economies

At the Validation Meeting you set out your key challenges for the coming year and we hope that in next year's submission you will be able to tell us about the progress you have made in meeting those challenges.

Your key challenges for the coming year have emerged as:

1. Improving people's access to mainstream mental health care taking account of Green Light and New Horizons
2. Focus on general hospital care and ensuring that people who need more support in hospital are identified and reasonable adjustments made
3. Ensuring people benefit from GP led annual health checks

The feedback sheet attached outlines in more detail the areas you are to be commended on and the areas that you have identified that need to be worked on over the next year.

Once more thank you for your hard work and excellent submission. Please could you make sure that this feedback is discussed at the Learning Disability Partnership Board and shared with all provider Chief Executives across your locality.

Yours sincerely

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