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12 April 2018

Dear Sirs

**Criminal Prosecution
Care Quality Commission v Hillgreen Care Limited
First Appearance: 29 June 2018 at 10.00am at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court**

We write in respect of the above case.

Following careful review of the evidence, in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors the Care Quality Commission has decided that there is sufficient evidence to prosecute the company Hillgreen Care Limited for offences occurring at Hillgreen Care Limited - 14 Colne Road between 1 April 2015 and 1 November 2015. The decision to prosecute has been relayed to all parties relevant to the case.

Hillgreen Care Limited has been summoned to attend Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court, 51 Holloway Road, London, N7 0NY on 29 June 2018 at 10.00am to enter a plea in respect of the offences.

The charges Hillgreen Care Limited are required to answer are pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014.

Criminal proceedings have now commenced and the Defendant has the right to a fair trial. It is extremely important that there be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could prejudice in any way these proceedings.

It is not the function of the Care Quality Commission to decide whether a company is guilty of a criminal offence, but to make fair, independent and objective assessments about whether it is appropriate to present charges for a criminal court to consider. The Care Quality Commission's assessment is not a finding of fact, which can only be made by a court, but rather an assessment of what the Care Quality Commission considers possible to prove to a Court, in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors.

On 29 June 2018 the Care Quality Commission intends to make an application to the Court pursuant to Part 6 of the Criminal Procedure Rules 2015 (as amended) and s1(1) of the Sexual

Offences (Amendment) Act 1992, to protect the anonymity of certain persons involved in this case.

We therefore put you on notice of the application and attach a copy of the Prosecution Note on Reporting which sets out why the application is being made.

This case is likely to attract media attention however we hope that members of the press will work with us to ensure that the anonymity of vulnerable service users is protected. We consider this to be of the utmost importance.

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Yours faithfully

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