

Minister Anne Rabbitte

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Re. Meeting request to discuss the Brandon Report

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Irish Association of Social Workers (IASW), I write to request an urgent meeting with you in relation to adult safeguarding in Ireland, in the wake of the Brandon report. As you are aware, social work is the named lead profession in adult safeguarding and we would like to brief you on our professional concerns about both the HSE response to the Brandon case and the current governance and oversight of safeguarding which impacts upon disabled people.

The IASW welcomes your strong intervention in relation to the Brandon case and are heartened by your calls for transparency.

We attach a copy of our current position paper on adult safeguarding and look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

Vivian Geiran

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