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Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE:**

I write to you on behalf of the person named above, following their unsuccessful enquiries with your authority regarding securing support services. This individual feels that they need help with their current mental health problems. They have had the presence of mind to look for help but have been unable to gain professional support.

Our organisation is a specialist mental health charity working specifically with personality disorder. We provide information and support, and through our standing as a leading resource for those with personality disorder we hope to reduce the stigma often associated with this. It is our ethos that everyone with complex condition of personality disorder should be entitled to support and services to help with their difficulties.

I feel that it is important to highlight the published findings of the National Institute for Mental Health in England (NIMHE) which clearly states that personality disorder is no longer a diagnosis of exclusion. The report also outlines the positive action of establishing services and implementing development centres to facilitate this. This document was published in January 2003. We therefore request that this individual is informed of the available support through your local authority.

We hope that some assistance and support can be established as soon as possible and would like to ask you to correspond directly with the service user.

Yours faithfully,

BPDWORLD Team