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Dear Ms Tough

Petition PE1179

Thank you for your letter of 10 September 2008 seeking clarification on whether NHS QIS guidelines would support the introduction of a separate health and community care client category of “acquired brain injury”.

SIGN guideline 46 Early Management of Patients with a Head Injury, first published in 2000, is currently being updated. The revised guideline will be launched in May 2009 and has been expanded to include recommendations for patients with traumatic brain injury. Although this guideline will not make a recommendation for a new client category, it will make recommendations for best practice within this clinical area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D R Steel'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

David R Steel
Chief Executive