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Dear Baroness Campbell,

COVID-19 and the rights of disabled people

The NHS endorses and fully supports the principles set out in this letter. They mirror the NHS Constitution which is clear that we should deliver care and support in a way that achieves dignity and compassion for each and every person we serve.

Decisions about the best course of action, treatment and care pathway are always made between a patient and their clinicians, and the NHS will always seek to fully protect the rights of people with disabilities, now and throughout the course of this global pandemic.

Yours sincerely,



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