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Groups Inspection
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Dear Colleague,

Care Quality Commission Inspection

We have recently received notification that Essex County Council's adult social care services will be receiving a full Care Quality Commission (CQC) service inspection. The inspection fieldwork will be taking place between the 23rd and 31st March 2010 and over the next couple of months we will be submitting information for the inspection and developing the fieldwork programme.

The remit of all adult social care inspections includes Safeguarding, Leadership and Commissioning/ Use of Resources. CQC have selected two further areas for review these are Improved Health and Wellbeing and Improved Quality of Life, with a focus on Older People for these outcomes. Partnership with users is key to all of these areas and CQC have already expressed that they are keen to involve service user representatives in the inspection.

As part of the fieldwork programme the CQC would like to meet with service users including holding two open forums. We are developing the fieldwork programme with the inspectors over the next few weeks and will communicate further details as they emerge. If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Clare Hardy on 01245 435541 or clare.hardy@essex.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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