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Dear Dr Lloyd, AM

Re: RCPsych in Wales' evidence session on Loneliness and Isolation

The College was pleased to provide evidence to the Health, Social Care and Sports Committee on 15 June on Loneliness and Isolation. Dr Victor Aziz, the Old Age Faculty Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Wales represented the College on this occasion. He is an experienced Old Age Consultant Psychiatrist who is very involved in College activity and has indeed provided oral evidence to the Committee on previous occasions.

In Dr Aziz's evidence to the Committee on 15 June he commented on an increase in the emphasis on policy and strategy by some third sector organisations at the expense of patient care.

The College would like to stress that this is not our official position and would like to apologise for any unintended misrepresentation. On this occasion, Dr Aziz's had expressed his personal view and we would like this to be stated for the record.

I am happy to discuss this matter with you further.

Yours Sincerely,

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Professor Keith Lloyd Chair, RCPsych in Wales