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Dear Director

We're pleased to enclose a copy of a prototype framework *Commissioning for Better Outcomes - A Route Map* which was launched at the NCAS conference at the end of October 2014. The document is also available to download from the ADASS website at <http://www.adass.org.uk/policy-documents-commissioning-for-better-outcomes/>.

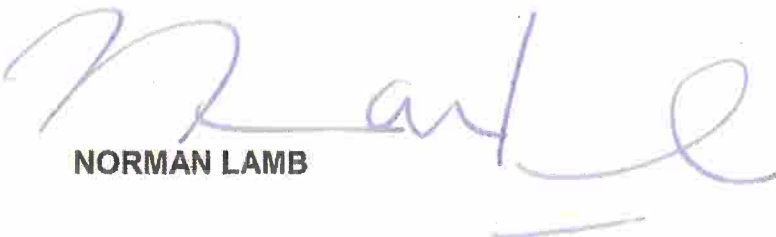
The framework was produced by the Health Services Management Centre at the University of Birmingham, with input from a TLAP coproduction steering group involving local and central government, care provider representatives and experts by experience. The framework sets out 12 standards for good commissioning of care and support. The intention is that these standards will evolve over time to incorporate new good practice as it emerges, and take account of innovations in areas such as integrated commissioning.

The prototype will begin a formal testing process early in the New Year, with peer challenges using the framework in three local authority pilot sites. The learning from these will inform further development of the document and protocols for its use in sector-led improvement.

Now that the prototype has been launched, you may like to use it to self-assess your own processes and procedures. The framework has been specifically designed to enable self-assessment. If you do this, we would welcome any significant feedback. Please send any comments by email with the subject header 'Commissioning for Better Outcomes Prototype Feedback' to the project steering group at [Linda.Doherty@scle.org.uk](mailto:Linda.Doherty@scle.org.uk)

We are confident that you will find the framework a really useful resource and encourage you make extensive use of it and share widely within your organisation.

*Yours sincerely,*



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