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Dear Jenny

Draft Needs Assessment and Care Plan Process for Use in Pregnancy and Well Child Services

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on this document.

In our view the document has valid aims but the proposals are impractical in terms of the resources and time required to implement them. Although a patient held care plan seems like an excellent idea, it will tend to duplicate information already held in the patient's file. We believe these proposals could only work properly and safely when an electronic health record is available.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Foley', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dr Peter Foley
Chair