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Hello!

I am writing to let you know about the new network which has been set up by the South West NHS Specialised Commissioning Group to support people living with a neuromuscular condition, their families and the professionals working with them. I would like to introduce you to the network and invite you to be included on our database of neuromuscular patients. The aim of the network is to work in partnership with families and local medical and social care professionals to optimise the care and support provided.

My name is Jennie Shine and I am the Neuromuscular Network Manager. I am a qualified adult and children's nurse and midwife. Over a career of 30 years I have held many positions and have specialised in Non-invasive Ventilation and Palliative Care. As part of this network there are also three new care co-ordinators (Neuromuscular Advisors) who join the two existing ones. They are familiar with the range of neuromuscular conditions and are able to visit families at home to discuss a range of practical issues, liaising with local professionals where appropriate.

If you would like to be included on our database and help us build the network and improve services for you, please fill in the attached form and return to the above address. If you have already received a copy of this form or a letter I apologise – we are keen to reach as many people as possible and some duplication is inevitable. Please feel free to pass a copy of the form to anyone you know who may not have heard about us. Data given on the network form will only be made available to professionals working within the network.

The South West covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset. We are only able to assist people living in these areas. We cover a range of neuromuscular conditions including all types of Muscular Dystrophy, Myotonic Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy and Myasthenia Gravis. We do not cover Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease or Parkinson's.

Should you choose not to join the network this will in no way affect your ongoing medical care.

If you have any queries about the network please do not hesitate to contact us on 0117 3302597.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Jennie Shine
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