



General Secretary
Rev Heather den Houting

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Rev Adam Tipple
Chairperson
The Downs Presbytery
Via Email

I refer to your letter of the 29th September 2022 asking the Synod Standing Committee to be aware of concerns held by the presbytery in relation to the activities of Blue Care.

The Synod Standing Committee asked for a briefing from Uniting Care and have been advised of the following:

Luke Tanks (Service Manager) has commenced and will continue to hold regular meetings with the Presbytery leadership to address the concerns raised by you. Peter Armstrong will support this action as the UCQ South Moreton Presbytery Mission Partner. Luke is also committed to providing a quarterly summary of updates and good news stories from the Darling Downs BC area (Residential and Community) that we can share for incorporation into the Downs Presbytery newsletter.

In addition, Rev Adam McIntosh and Donna Clift (Acting Group General Manager for ACCS) will be attending your November Presbytery Meeting to engage in a facilitated conversation with you. Adam has been in contact with Rev Yvonne McRostie and you to agree on what might be the best way to approach this - particularly in response to some of the concerns raised by you.

If after these engagements the Presbytery is still unsatisfied with the action of Blue Care, you are welcome to contact the Synod Standing Committee again with an update. In the meantime, however, it is hoped that these initiatives can assist in the concerns raised by you.

Kind regards

Heather den Houting

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