

**CLLR RACHAEL ROBATHAN
LEADER OF WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

**CLLR GEORGIA GOULD
LEADER OF LB CAMDEN**

Dear Leaders

Future of Pan-London Mortuary Provision

You will be aware of the urgent need to put in place arrangements to secure pan-London mortuary provision as we look ahead to the coming months and plan for a potential second wave of COVID-19 cases and deaths. Westminster and Camden have agreed to oversee these arrangements on behalf of all London boroughs, however, this is a shared responsibility and the expeditious participation and commitment of all authorities is vital if we are to meet our responsibility both individually and collectively.

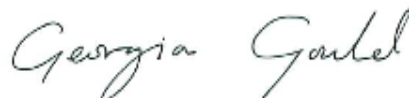
Attached to this letter is a report detailing the proposed arrangements for future pan-London mortuary provision along with the breakdown in costs for each authority and the underpinning legal agreement. In order to proceed and ensure London has the mortuary provision it needs in place for the coming months, we request that you urgently put in place arrangements for the inter-authority legal agreement to be signed and the first payment made to Camden by 4 September 2020. We are aware that you will need to take these through your relevant internal governance arrangements, however it is important that this matter is attended to with appropriate urgency and we trust that this is achievable in the circumstances.

You will note that the arrangements set out take us as far as March 2021, which we hope will see us through worst of the next phase COVID-19, but it is important to note that we will need to revisit this matter again as early as January 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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