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Dear Dr Clayton

I am writing to you in my capacity as Derbyshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Chairman. Following your attendance at the Special Meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee on Monday 13 August 2018 I wish to express the Committee's serious reservations about the impact that your proposals, to decommission a range of services, will have on Derbyshire's Health and Social Care system as a whole.

The Committee would particularly like to highlight the following issues:

- Lack of engagement by Derbyshire CCG's with the Improvement and Scrutiny process
- A high volume of information provided to the Committee in a short time-frame, instead of consistent engagement over a number of months
- The lack of public scrutiny in relation to the proposed decisions and service changes in Derbyshire
- Scant information about the potential impact of your proposals on the residents of Derbyshire and local services. Although, it is acknowledged that recently you have provided more detailed information in relation to the financial position of the local NHS Commissioning Organisations.
- Members were particularly disappointed in the information that was provided at 5:30pm on Friday 10 August, prior to the Committee meeting at 11am on Monday 13 August. This short time-frame meant we could not review this information in any detail or come to any firm conclusions. Furthermore the information provided lacked the detail required for the Committee to fully understand the possible impact of these decisions.
- In respect of the withdrawal of voluntary sector funding that you propose, my Committee is concerned that in the Joint Governing Body meeting papers for 17 August (Item 4) you list "Meeting with Scrutiny Committee" as evidence of your engagement activity. Whilst it is acknowledged that you have been attending meetings I would respectively question the perceived level of engagement.
- Overall it feels like there has been a lack of respect for local improvement and scrutiny process

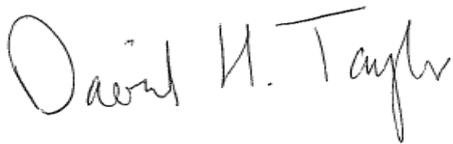
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Therefore I request that you return to the next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee (10 September 2018, at 2pm in Matlock) to talk through the Quality Impact Assessments for the disinvestment decisions deemed to be high risk and (in light of your proposals to cease funding discretionary and infrastructure voluntary sector provision) share your plans to work with social care, community and voluntary service partners to plan for a more integrated and efficient model of delivery.

Given the increasing enormity of my concern I am minded that all future meetings should be held in the public domain, unless you can give good reason why this should not be the case. I would also like to make it clear that the Committee is reserving its position of a referral to the Secretary of State.

I will be sharing this letter with Derbyshire Healthwatch and will be extending a formal invitation to Karen Richie to attend the Health Scrutiny Committee on 10 September.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David H. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal line extending from the top of the 'T'.

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