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Dr Chris Clayton
Derbyshire CCG's

Dear Dr Clayton,

I write further to your attendance at the meeting of the Derbyshire Health Scrutiny Committee on 1 October 2018 which had been convened to further discuss the Derbyshire CCGs' proposals to decommission a range of services which, in the view of the Committee, constitutes a substantial reconfiguration of services.

The Committee is mindful of the CCGs' stated intention to undertake a full consultation with the voluntary sector and partner funding organisations and welcomes this development.

However, the Committee is still concerned that the plans to decommission and disinvest in a number of services are not in the interests of the Health service in the county and accordingly made the following recommendation;

- The Committee appreciates the additional information supplied in the report to the meeting on 1 October and notes that, for a number of the proposed service disinvestments, further consultation will be held with the Committee over coming months.
- In particular the Committee has been informed at this meeting that, at a meeting on the 27th September, the CCGs' Governing Bodies agreed to carry out a further period of consultation on some aspects.
- However the Committee needs to be satisfied that the proposals are in the interest of the health service in the county and that consultation has been adequate.

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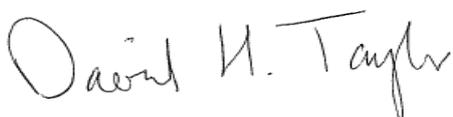
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- On the basis of the discussion today, the Committee considers that it would be preferable for any significant decommissioning decisions to be delayed pending the establishment of a single CCG as the future financial position appears to be uncertain at this stage.
- The Committee wishes to continue constructive dialogue with the CCGs and will therefore delay any decision as to whether or not to refer the proposals to the Secretary of State until the 31st October to allow a further response to be made by the CCGs.

I would ask that the CCGs give careful consideration to the views of the Committee as expressed on the 1st October and to respond accordingly. Should the Committee not be satisfied with your response to this recommendation or otherwise considers that the proposals are not in the interests of the people in the area, then the Committee reserves the right to refer the matter to the Secretary of State on or after the 31st October.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Wardle, Improvement and Scrutiny Officer on 01629 538247 or by email at jackie.wardle@derbyshire.gov.uk . Otherwise, I look forward to receiving your response by 31 October.

Yours sincerely



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