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SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Wednesday 5th December 2018

Dear Chairs of the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Re: Formal Notification to Consult on the Future of Local Health Services in Northern Staffordshire

North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs met in common on Tuesday 4th December 2018 and approved the Pre-consultation Business Case (PCBC) and determined to move to formal consultation on the Future of Local Health Services in northern Staffordshire.

As part of our legal duty to consult, and as the lead commissioning authorities, we formally request under regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, our intention to consult with the local authorities on these substantial changes to local health services via the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).

Between 10th December 2018 and 17th March 2019, fourteen weeks to make reasonable allowance for the festive period, we will be consulting on significant changes to local health services to better meet the health needs of local people.

There are three aspects to the changes which are proposed:

1. Integrated care hubs
2. Adult rehabilitation beds
3. Some specialist services currently provided at Leek Moorlands Hospital

We will be formally consulting with the JHOSC to understand your views of the proposals, which are described in the PCBC. Arrangements are being made to provide you with a briefing mid-way through the consultation period in order that you can obtain an overview of the feedback received and we will meet again towards the end of the consultation period to answer any further questions you may have.

We would welcome a response from the JHOSC to the CCGs on our proposals by 17th March 2019.

Following this, the output report from the consultation is expected to be published by June 2019. It will not be published any earlier as due regard to pre-election guidance will be given for the local elections in May 2019.

The CCGs will give the output from the consultation conscientious consideration before making any decision and we will provide a full briefing on our recommendations before any decision is taken.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcus Warnes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marcus Warnes
Accountable Officer