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Dear Alan

I'm writing to you in your role as Co-Chair of the Staffordshire / Stoke on Trent Health and Wellbeing Board. This follows the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat presentation by ACC Jenny Sims and Di Malkin (Staffordshire Police), at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018. At the meeting it was agreed that a review of the current Concordat should be undertaken.

I would like to update you on the progress made via the Staffordshire Mental Health and Community Safety Strategic Board's work plan. Initial meetings have taken place with a number of signatory agencies to the original Concordat, and a small cross-agency working group established. We are looking to have a re-drafted Concordat by the end of November which will:

- celebrate the success in meeting the needs of people in crisis in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- set out key delivery of services
- extend the scope of the Concordat to other settings including the criminal justice system and further education
- include prevention as a key outcome measure.

My proposal would be to launch the revised declaration at a celebratory event towards the end of February 2020 once agreement is reached.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with members of the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board. If you like further information please contact Dave Spurgeon, Research & Development Manager, Nacro ([dave.spurgeon@nacro.org.uk](mailto:dave.spurgeon@nacro.org.uk)) who is leading on this work on behalf of the Mental Health and Community Safety Strategic Board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline for the first name.

**Matthew Ellis**  
Staffordshire Commissioner – Police, Fire and Rescue, Crime