

Via E Mail

My ref: JM/NP

Your Ref:

Date: 20 December 2019

Dear Marcus

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

On behalf of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee, I am writing to you to ask you to clarify a number of issues.

As we are advised that the proposed merger of the Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups will not be taking place, we would like some assurance in respect of the commissioning intentions within the County going forward. Such that plans are in place to ensure a consistent approach to avoid the potential for postcode lottery such as with hearing aid provision and the prescribing of gluten free products. What measures are in place to have single unified strategies across the County.

In addition, we need assurance that any out of county provision will be scrutinised by the relevant local authority. But would seek your agreement that you are made aware of issues that may arise in any hospital where Staffordshire residents may be in receipt of care outside of the county boundaries.

Finally, I have been made aware of concerns by GP's about the Integrated Care proposals. Many of them feel that they are not being properly consulted and feel 'done to'. What assurances do you have that the primary care community has been properly consulted and their concerns are being addressed?

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Johnny McMahon
Chairman of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

