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Dear Mr Hunt

IRP review into NW London 'Shaping a Healthier Future'

We understand from the comments that Jane Ellison, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health made at the Westminster Hall debate 15 October that your decision on the Independent Reconfiguration Panel review will be imminent. On behalf of all the GPs on our 8 Governing bodies we wanted to re-iterate our support for the recommendations that the Joint Committee of the PCTs made on 19th February. We hope that the following points will be helpful in you making final decisions on the IRP recommendations:

- We remain absolutely confident that delivering the Shaping a Healthier Future recommendations in full will save many lives each year and significantly improve patient's care and experience of the NHS. We have spent 3 years developing these proposals.. Our strategy meets all the challenges set out in the case for change and an unambiguous decision from you will enable us to seize this opportunity to create a clear and comprehensive plan for the future and end the uncertainty which can obstruct clinicians in delivering care to the highest standards. It would be a tragedy if we lost this once in a life time opportunity.
- We felt that the IRP conducted a thorough and detailed review of the SaHF programme. Lord Ribero and his team robustly explored with us our clinical commitment to the proposals and our leadership of its implementation. We are confident they will present an accurate picture of the very high level of clinical support for this programme across NW London.
- Since February we have continued to build on the clinical commitment to change that has been unleashed. We believe that we have submitted a powerful application for the whole of NW London to become one of Norman Lamb's **Whole System Integrated Care Pioneers**. We had the launch event for our programme on 3rd October where medical and managerial leadership of all 29 organisations taking part in bid made a collective powerful case for why integrated care was the right thing to do for the people of NW London. We can only deliver the integration that we aspire to if we simultaneously make the changes that we have proposed for hospitals.

- This week we submitted an application to Sir Bruce Keogh to be an **early adopter of the 7 day working** principles. Based on the work we have done for SaHF we believe that can quickly deliver significant improvements in 7 day working in hospitals and also and importantly in primary care. We have already set up in one of the CCG's practices open all day every Saturday and Sunday.
- We are pleased that Mr Judge Mitting found last Thursday, that we had conducted a robust and fair consultation, that we had taken account of the needs of the population of Ealing and that we had complied with our statutory equality duties. This removed the last legal hurdle to implement these changes.

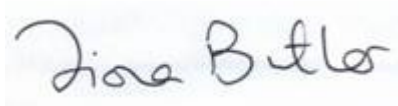
We are confident that the Shaping a Healthier Future programme is in the best interests of the two million people who live in NW London. As the clinical leaders of the NW London health and care community we are determined lead its implementation and do this in partnership with the Medical Directors of all the providers.

If you felt it would be helpful we would be pleased to meet with you to explain why we are so committed to this programme. We very much hope that you will feel able to support the recommendations that the IRP have made in full and to make this known at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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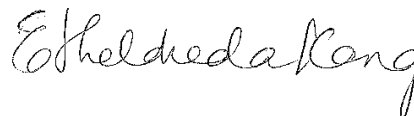
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