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Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Health
Department of Health
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London
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Dear Mr Hunt

Re. Shaping a Healthier Future

We are writing as the Medical Directors of all of the Acute and Mental Health Trusts in North West London.

We have previously written in February to affirm our commitment to the proposals that were to be considered by the Joint Committee of PCTs (JCPCT) in February 2013 and now want to reaffirm our agreement with the decision made by the JCPCT and our commitment to implementing this proposal in partnership with the GPs in the local CCGs.

We have carefully studied the evidence to confirm that moving to fewer acute sites will allow improved care by having consistent larger consultant delivered services. We were intimately involved in agreeing the model of care with five major hospitals across the region.

We recognise that some local people feel anxious about the changes but are certain that these changes will save lives, whereas delays will leave fragile services that expose patients to unnecessary risks. We know that providing seven day services will save lives and improve patients care and satisfaction.

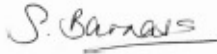
We agree also that these necessary hospital changes need to be implemented alongside investment and improvements in General Practice, Community Nursing and Social Care Support Services as enabled by this programme.

Many of us have had the opportunity to express our views to the Independent Review Panel and we look forward to their carefully considered report.

We are clear that these changes need implementing as soon as it is safe to do so; Indeed delays expose patients to serious risk and several of the current services are clinically and financially unsustainable. We urge you to support their findings which we know will benefit our populations care.

Yours sincerely

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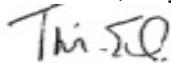
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