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Dear Mr Hunt

Meeting of the Full Council – 22 October 2015

I am writing as Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council to inform you that the County Council at its meeting on 22 October 2015 approved the following resolution:

"The Council notes and supports the aims of the NHS Transforming Care programme to significantly re-shape services for people with learning disabilities and autism to ensure that more services are provided in the community and closer to home rather than in hospital settings.

The Council also notes the establishment of 5 Fast Track areas in England and welcomes the fact that Lancashire (including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen) has been included in that list. The Council will ensure it contributes alongside other local authorities and NHS partners to work together to ensure that the programme delivers successfully on its vision and purpose.

The Council is however concerned about the future of Calderstones NHS Trust and the potential financial impact of the programme in Lancashire.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and to the Chief Executive of NHS England, with copies to local MPs and other relevant partners to ask that:

- The NHS ensures that appropriate public or partner consultations and democratic scrutiny are undertaken by the NHS on the future of Calderstones.
- The NHS ensures that the additional financial risks to the County Council and other local partners from the Fast Track Programme are identified and evaluated.
- The NHS ensures that the full, long term costs for councils of delivering the Fast Track programme are funded."

No doubt you will consider the County Council's requests as set out in the resolution and let me have your response as soon as possible.

I have, of course, also written to others as requested by the Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'T'.

Jo Turton
Chief Executive
