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Dear

Delivering the Forward View

As chair of Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, I am taking the opportunity, afforded by the publication of 'Delivering the Forward View: NHS Planning Guidance 2016/17 – 2020/21', to initiate further discussions about how we could work together better to deliver a sustainable and transformed local health and wellbeing economy.

The guidance identifies the need to utilise resources to close the health and wellbeing gap, the care and quality gap, and the finance and efficiency gap. In particular the importance of place-based planning is highlighted, emphasising the need for system leadership in delivering change. Planning by individual institutions needs to be supplemented with planning by place for local populations.

As you will be aware, the guidance requests that health and care systems come together to create an ambitious local blueprint for accelerating the NHS Forward View, through development and delivery of a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

I would like to take this opportunity to request you to identify pan Lancashire level (across Lancashire County Council; Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council administrative areas) as the strategic geographical footprint for our Sustainability and Transformation Plans with co-ordination and delivery footprints to be the five health economies (East Lancashire (including Blackburn with Darwen), Fylde Coast (including Blackpool), Morecambe Bay (including South Cumbria), Central Lancashire, and West Lancashire). A pan Lancashire approach would not only provide opportunities to deliver the transformation on a scale that is needed but is also aligned to the footprint for the development of a Combined Authority. I believe this will also enable us to engage with a range of partners beyond health and care systems in order to make any change sustainable in the long term.

I would be grateful if you could reflect this proposal in your return to NHS England where you identify the appropriate STP footprint. In case you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact myself or Dr. Sakthi Karunanithi, our Director of Public Health and Wellbeing (Sakthi.karunanithi@lancashire.gov.uk).

Please also find attached the report from the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board action planning workshop held on 8 December 2015. This, along with the Forward View guidance will no doubt influence our work plan going forward.

Yours sincerely

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Leader of Lancashire County Council