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Dear County Councillor Holgate

Emergency Care Crisis – Chorley: Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee

Thank you for attending the Health and Wellbeing Board to present the report of the Health Scrutiny Committee. Your presentation requested a formal response to recommendations 7 and 10, identified below:

7. That the developing crisis in Emergency Care is given the required priority in the development of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan, and a plan for Emergency Care across Lancashire is developed as a key priority, and that the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board be asked to take responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of this priority.

10. For the future, a more open approach to the design and delivery changes to the local health economy needs to take place, working with wider public services through the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board to make our hospitals more sustainable and better able to serve the needs of residents. Partners must also demonstrate robust engagement with local residents on the proposed location of future services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is keen to support the development of a sustainable health and care economy in Lancashire, through the work of individual agencies and within the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme. The programme has identified the Urgent and Emergency Care and Acute and Specialised Care workstreams as key to ensuring that emergency care is prioritised appropriately in the plan going forward. Similarly the Involvement, Communication & Engagement workstream is ensuring engagement with the public, health and social care workforce, local elected members and MPs, third sector and patient groups, support services, statutory organisations and media in developing the plans in a transparent way.

However I must advise you that the Health and Wellbeing Board has no statutory role in the implementation or monitoring of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. These are responsibilities of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan Programme Board and the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups. Nevertheless I can assure you that the Board will do its utmost to influence the plan as it develops, recognising the concerns you have identified.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jennifer Mein'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein
Leader of Lancashire County Council
Chair Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

cc Clare Platt, Wendy Broadley