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Dear Cllr Goldson

Many thanks for your response to our letter dated the 30th of January.

Clearly we remain anxious to resolve this matter as soon as possible and I support your suggestion of a meeting involving members of the JHOSC and representatives of from the Area Team. While I should make it clear that we remain unable to commission a service that does not meet the NHS England service specification and is not compliant with Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG), we may be able to clarify the reasons for our position and provide further information to support it.

We would like to suggest that Brenda Cook, the Regional Scrutiny Advocate, is also invited to attend to facilitate a discussion from a neutral position. Brenda attended a recent strategy event hosted by NHS England and has a wider Midlands and East role.

I hope that you will be in agreement with this suggestion and I look forward to hearing from you with some meeting dates in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Reed
Area Director