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Cllr Mark Williams
Chair, Health and Adult Social Care
Scrutiny Committee
160 Tooley Street
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Dear Cllr Williams,

SLaM: Consultation on the reorganisation of Mental Health of Older Adults Service

I am writing in response to your letter of 21st March 2012 to Stuart Bell in respect of the proposal by the Mental Health of Older Adults service to create a home treatment service in respect of the specific questions raised in that letter.

As the discussions with commissioners on whether to plan to adopt the model are still ongoing, I am afraid that it is not possible to provide detailed information on budgetary implications to SLaM on any change. I would anticipate that when these discussions have been concluded then I will be in a position to provide this level of information at a future committee.

I can confirm however, that the Mental Health of Older Adults Service will engage with stakeholders on the merits of the proposal. This will include working with the LINK and Older Adults Partnership Board; organisations such as Age UK, the Alzheimers Society and Southwark Pensioners, and also our own service users and their carers.

As the SLaM proposition has not been agreed by commissioners it is not possible to provide detailed information on the impact of any change on bed capacity. This is again, detail that will be available should commissioners support the model and we then provide more detail for scrutiny at a date to be agreed.

Yours sincerely,

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