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Dear Mark

Response to the recommendations of the Interim Report into Southwark Clinical Commissioning Consortia – November 2011

I am writing on behalf of the Southwark Clinical Commissioning Committee (SCCC) to acknowledge the recommendations of the Southwark Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny sub-committee (HASC) report above and to provide a formal response to each of the recommendations provided. It is our understanding that the interim report will be considered again at the upcoming HASC meeting and that our responses will contribute to this review.

I would like to place on record the SCCC's thanks to the committee for the in depth consideration that members have given these issues and for the recommendations that are not only helpful but are also extremely timely, given that the SCCC is currently engaged in development work to shape the way it conducts commissioning activities in future. The SCCC welcomes the constructive challenge that has been present throughout our engagement with the committee and for the thorough nature of the report and its recommendations.

The interim report has been considered by Dr Amr Zeineldine, Chair of the SCCC, Dr Richard Gibbs, the Non-Executive Director of the PCT and member of the SCCC with responsibility for governance, and myself as the Managing Director of the Southwark Business Support Unit. The report will also be received by the full SCCC before the end of this financial year (the clinical leads of the SCCC are copied to this letter).

In reviewing the recommendations of the report the SCCC representatives have provided a short response to each recommendation in the attached document. These responses are provided in summary and we would be happy to provide further detail on any part of the response as required.

In general terms the SCCC welcome the recommendations of the report and our responses fall into four categories:

- Those that the SCCC welcomes in full and have already taken steps to address them
- Those that the SCCC welcomes in full and have now established plans to address them in the coming months
- Those recommendations that suggest actions from a party other than the SCCC, but that the committee would wish to receive the outcome of those requests (or contribute to them as appropriate)
- Those that the SCCC would welcome a further discussion with the HASC prior to progressing work on these areas

At the bottom of the response document we have included an action plan to address or further explore the recommendations and we have identified the lead BSU officer that would take these actions forward and the timescale that we would propose for each action. We would welcome your feedback on our responses and on these proposed actions specifically.

We hope the detail of our response will assist the HASC in its ongoing review in this area and we would reiterate the importance we place upon this work and the value we believe it has added. We look forward to working with the HASC on this and related areas of commissioning in future.

Should you have any immediate questions or you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of the Southwark Clinical Commissioning Committee

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