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Dear Cllr Williams

SLaM's Forward Planning Roundtables

I discussed the idea of organising a roundtable event to support the forward planning of our services in Southwark when you visited us earlier in the year. I thought it might be helpful if I provided you with some more information about how we think the roundtable events might work. Whilst I have not structured these ideas into formal terms of reference I hope this letter gives you sufficient information to work with us in developing this approach.

At SLaM, we are committed to working closely and collaboratively with our key partners in developing our Forward Plan. An aspect of this is to deliver the redesign and improvements required as part of the NHS QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) Programme. Our plans are of course developed closely with our commissioners.

We envisage sharing our thoughts at the roundtable event including the themes from SLaM's Forward Plan and our immediate and longer term financial projections. Our plans are at different stages of development and we would really value early input which will enable us to then move into detailed design based on stakeholder's advice and guidance. The Roundtable discussion will offer an opportunity for our key partners to help shape our plans for the benefit of all our local communities including working with us to identify areas which require further work and development. The role of Overview and Scrutiny is crucial here in helping us think through successful approaches to complex redesign and service changes. Partners in the Borough will of course have their own service changes and again their view on the interface between our respective plans would be valuable to us as we shape our plans.

We envisage inviting a range of external stakeholders. From the Council we would like to invite yourself and others from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board, Cabinet member for Health and Adult Social Care and your representative on our Members Council. Commissioner invitees would include those from the NHS - Clinical Commissioning Group and Business Support Unit – and the Council. LINK representation would also be extremely valuable as would representation from other specific non-governmental/voluntary and community organisations.

Ideally we would like the SLaM Forward Planning Roundtables to be held in September. We are currently working to develop them in all 4 of the local boroughs we serve and Lambeth OSC have offered 10th and 12th of September so I'd be grateful if you would please avoid those dates.

I would be pleased to hear your thoughts on our proposal and look forward to working with you. Given the significance of the Council involvement we thought it best to start with your diary and then to offer the dates you are able to earmark to other stakeholders in the Borough. I would therefore be extremely grateful to hear from you soon.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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