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Dear Cllr Williams

I am writing to you further to my letter of 19 July, in which I outlined the rationale, timetable and process for the Unsustainable Provider Regime that the Secretary of State for Health has put in place at South London Healthcare NHS Trust.

As you know, the long-term solution to the challenges faced by the health care system in south east London is one that starts with South London Healthcare NHS Trust itself but also has to fit with the broader south east London health economy. The recommendations I have been asked to produce for Secretary of State by early January 2013 will be recommendations for the optimal delivery of safe, high quality, affordable and sustainable health services for the people of south east London for the long term. You are already aware that I am very keen to engage with all six HOSCs/OSCs, as representatives for local communities across the south east London boroughs, in developing my proposals to secure clinically and financially sustainable health services and that is why I am writing to you now.

Whilst the Regime for Unsustainable NHS Providers (UPR) is a unique process under NHS legislation, and as such the usual functions and responsibilities of OSCs are different, I believe it would be beneficial if we could establish a strong programme of engagement with the Council over the period of the regime. To this end I am working with your Leader and Chief Executive in detail ahead of consultation and would like to engage with the HoSC as part of the consultation process. This starts at the start of November and we will be in touch to discuss this with you closer to the time.

I am keen to ensure that the views of your respective constituents are heard and fed into this work and so in addition to the public consultation and my work with your Leader and CEO I have asked Stephanie Hood to keep you updated on overall progress ahead of consultation.

I look forward to talking with you as part of this work.

Yours sincerely



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