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Dear Councillor Buckmaster,

On behalf of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT), I would like to thank you for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (JHOSC) final report on *The shape of things to come* consultation.

I am pleased to enclose the JCPCT's response to the recommendations set out in your committee's final report.

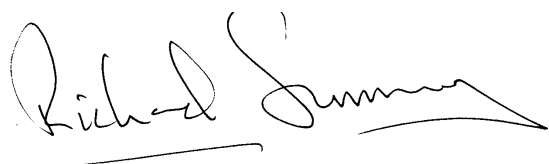
The JHOSC's report formed a vital part of the final decision-making and was considered by the JCPCT at a meeting in public on 20 July 2009.

At this meeting, the JCPCT approved the introduction of new stroke and major trauma services in London, with four major trauma centres and eight hyper-acute stroke units. The benefits of introducing these new services were determined to be in the best interests of all Londoners.

The JCPCT acknowledges the particular concerns expressed by individuals and organisations, including the JHOSC, and hopes that our enclosed response provides assurance and clarity on specific issues raised.

I trust that the JHOSC will accept our response in the positive and constructive manner it has shown throughout the consultation.

Once again, my thanks to you and your fellow committee members for the valuable contribution the JHOSC has made to this important consultation.



Richard Sumray
Chair of the Joint Committee of PCTs