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Letter sent by email to: [Annradmore@nhs.net](mailto:Annradmore@nhs.net)

Friday 19 July 2019

Dear Ms Radmore

**RE: HOSC Attendance – Reduction of Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group Budget 2019/20**

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2019 regarding the above.

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (HOSC) have a statutory legal duty to scrutinise decisions made by the NHS that affect health services provided to residents within their jurisdiction. It is clear to me that the decision to move revenue from Thurrock CCG's 2019/20 budget to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been taken by NHS England at a regional level and not Thurrock CCG or Mid and South Essex STP as suggested in your letter. I therefore do not believe that it is appropriate for the Accountable Officer of Thurrock CCG to attend HOSC to discuss and explain this decision.

Under Regulation 27 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, HOSC requires you or another suitably senior representative from NHS England (East of England) to attend our meeting of 5 September 2019 in order to explain your decision to alter the financial control total of NHS Thurrock CCG in 2019/20 and allow us to fulfil our statutory responsibility of providing local scrutiny on the potential impact of this decision on our residents' health. I would therefore be grateful if you would re-consider your decision not to attend, or alternatively arrange for another senior representative from NHS England to be present for this item.

As set out in the joint letter from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education and Health, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adults' and Children's Social Care and myself, HOSC also wishes to scrutinise the recent decision by NHS England

to write to Thurrock CCG's Accountable Officer requesting that the CCG set out a timetable for merger with the four other CCGs in Mid and South Essex by September 2019.

I would be grateful if you would email Jenny Shade in our Democratic Services Team ([JShade@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:JShade@thurrock.gov.uk)) to confirm who from NHS England will be attending HOSC on 5 September 2019 to provide further information on both of the above decisions.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



**Cllr V Holloway**  
**Chair of Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny**  
**Committee**

cc. Mandy Ansell, Accountable Officer, Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group

Jenny Shade, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Thurrock Council