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Dear Councillor Holloway

Thank you for your letter dated 19 July in which you reiterated your request for myself or a senior representative from NHS England to attend the Thurrock Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 September to 'explain the decision to alter the financial control total of NHS Thurrock CCG in 2019/20'.

I wish to be clear that no decisions have been taken by NHS England to alter the financial control total of NHS Thurrock CCG in 2019/20.

The letter which I wrote to STP/ICS leaders on 24 April 2019 included the following:

'I need to ask each of the other STP areas to carry a contribution to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough position. This will be a repayable contribution and I have indicated to the STP that this will have to be repaid within three years and I do recognise that this will be a significant pressure for all other systems'.

As I outlined in my earlier letter of 17 July 2019, we left the allocation of this reduction within STP/ICS footprints for local determination as we recognised that this is where local understanding of priorities best sits.

I therefore reiterate that the local CCG is therefore best placed to articulate how they have identified the necessary reduction in the available budget and I have copied Mandy Ansell (Accountable Officer for Thurrock CCG) into this response as she will be able to assist in providing that information.

I am keen however, that NHS East of England engages with and listens to issues raised by local councillors in order to help us understand more about the joint work which is already underway locally and the key issues and concerns which local systems face.

Therefore, having reflected on the several letters I have received from you and your fellow Councillors outlining concerns about the merging of CCGs and associated implications for the Place based work that is already underway in Thurrock and being aware of the recent decision by the Secretary of State to uphold the outcomes of the

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consultation for the Mid and South Essex re-configuration I think it would be helpful if we had a broader dialogue between yourselves and the leadership of the East of England. I would therefore propose that 2 of my Executive Director colleagues should meet with you and your fellow councillors in a closed session in the early Autumn.

I would see the purpose of this session as being to:

- listen to the concerns of yourself and your fellow councillors
- have a shared discussion about the aspirations of the NHS Long Term Plan and how they could benefit the citizens of Thurrock
- discuss future plans for the NHS in Thurrock and hear how you and your fellow councillors might wish to be involved in shaping and leading those.

On the assumption that you think it would be helpful for the meeting I describe above to take place, please let me know who my team should liaise with to put the necessary arrangements in place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Radmore', written in a cursive style.

Ann Radmore
Regional Director (East of England)

cc: Mandy Ansell, Accountable Officer, Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group
Simon Wood, Regional Director of Strategy & Transformation