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To

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Dear Amr, Rebecca and Andrew,

**Improving health services in Dulwich and the surrounding areas**

Thank you for responding to the Southwark LMC's initial concerns and queries over the Dulwich consultation proposals and attending the LMC meeting to answer our questions. Please find below our formal response to the proposals.

The LMC recognises the challenging timescales for developing the proposals, and the importance of equity and openness in this process. We are keen to work flexibly with you, and would be happy to engage further outside of formal LMC meetings (since the next LMC meeting is not until 2 July) through a small working group, teleconferencing or virtual working. We have detailed below specific areas where we could offer LMC expertise.

Members noted the core of your strategy is the reduction of inequity in access to services for patients through practice development (premises being a key enabler), and alternative mechanisms for commissioning/procuring enhanced services (or their equivalent) including AQP and the use of inter practice referrals or networks.

*Premises*

Members welcomed the CCG's and project team's agreement in the LMC meeting to investigate and develop the premises aspects of the proposals in particular. The meeting acknowledged that not all Southwark practices may be able to develop because of physical constraints, but nevertheless may wish to develop the services that they can offer their patients. Therefore they may wish to:

- refer into the services that will be made available in the Dulwich centre
- provide services in the Dulwich centre (for example by working in the baby clinic)
- relocate into the Dulwich centre.

Some practices may be able develop their accommodation to provide more services for patients if appropriately resourced. This would improve access closer to home and continuity of care for their patients.

In order to support these aspirations, you were going to:

- clarify how the baby clinic space will be used
- gather practice expressions of interest in relocating to the Dulwich site and views on possible future ways of working and resources needed to achieve this
- prepare a business case for premises funding based on the responses and
- take the business case forward with the NHSE.

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The LMC requests consultation on the premises business plan. The LMC has considerable experience in improvement grant processes and would be able to provide support and transparency in developing an application and approval process. The LMC can also offer observers without a conflict of interest for any panels through LMC members from another CCG area, or LMC office representation.

*Commissioning including networks*

Similarly, the LMC requests involvement in the setting up of networks, and can offer extensive working knowledge as well as providing practices with confidence in the process, as we recognise that this will be a culture change.

Finally, members noted that you wish to improve primary care engagement with integrated care working and that you anticipate additional investment from the acute sector. The Southwark and Lambeth LMCs have been working with the project lead across Southwark and Lambeth CCG areas on the integrated care pilot and have already suggested areas that need additional investment in order to make the scheme viable and attractive to those practices that have not yet signed up. We would be happy to share learning with you.

We hope these comments have been helpful and look forward to discussing the proposals further. Please let us know your preferred method of further LMC consultation including timescales.

Thank you

Kind regards



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