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Dear Simon and David


Re: Future Fit

I am writing to confirm the outcomes of the assurance process for the consultation on Future Fit. This follows assurance checkpoint panel meetings held on 19 October and 16 November 2017, which Graeme Jones chaired on my behalf, and evidence you subsequently provided.

I can now confirm on behalf of NHS England that we are assured that the proposals meet the five tests for service change as well as other good practice tests and as such, I am content you proceed to consultation. You should take the final approved pre-consultation business case, consultation plan and consultation documents to the CCGs' Governing Bodies meeting in public in order to formally agree to launch consultation.

I would like to thank you and your teams for your hard work and cooperation in achieving this. I wish you well with the consultation and look forward to hearing how you progress.

Yours sincerely



Dr. Paul Watson
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