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Dear Sir/Madam

Testing the feasibility of creating a new single PCT for Hertfordshire

The reorganisation of Primary Care Trusts in 2006 following the Commissioning a Patient Led NHS process saw the creation of two PCTs covering Hertfordshire, serving the East & North and the West of the county respectively. However, in practice the two organisations have shared a single management team from the start, serving the two Boards.

As part of our ongoing strategic planning, we are revisiting the model for Hertfordshire and testing the option to create a new single PCT for Hertfordshire with a single Board. We would like to collate the views of you, as a key stakeholder, on this possibility and your opinions on the potential impact that a single PCT Board might have.

The next stage will be for both PCT boards to consider the findings of this survey and where appropriate, incorporate this into their long term strategic planning and decision-making. Any proposals to create a new single PCT would be subject to approval by both PCT Boards and the Secretary of State and a formal public consultation process.

Your views will be treated confidentially and we ask you to be honest as possible so that we can gain a comprehensive view. You will not be identified as we will report back the views of groups of stakeholders rather than individuals.

We are looking to complete this review by Friday 6 March. We have asked Finnamore Management Consultants to meet with you and they will be in contact with you shortly to arrange a convenient time. Please find attached a questionnaire which summarises the areas which will be explored at this meeting.

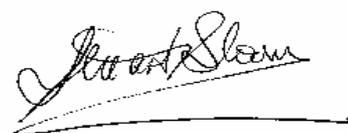
Thank you for your time and your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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