

APPENDIX A

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT STP, FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD 13 OCTOBER 2016

Dear Sir,

I write to confirm that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) was considered by the meeting of the Council's Executive held on Thursday 13 October 2016, and at both the Scrutiny and Health/Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committees (11th and 17th October 2016 respectively).

The Committees were disappointed, the timescales to produce the plan, dictated by NHS England, did not give sufficient weight to the democratic process allowing it the opportunity to consider the final plan, or debate the issues it raises in a public forum, and did not appear to conform to the best practice guidance (for example Engaging Local People - NHS September 2016).

I am instructed to advise that the Isle of Wight Council understands the current STP vision as the strategic framework for health and care planning across the HIOW footprint. It does expect however, that service provision will increasingly become more patient focused and locally delivered, and that there will be no net difference in the number of Island residents travelling across the Solent to receive health care, as a result of the plan.

The Council would be keen to understand the next stage in the STP development process and that, where this involves the development and implementation of local health plans, there are full, sufficient and timely opportunities for the views of local authorities and their communities to be considered as part of these plans, in particular as regards the implications of any proposed changes in service provision which would negatively impact on the needs of patients.

Yours sincerely,

John Metcalfe
Chief Executive