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Chief Executive
Essex PCT Health Clusters

Dear Chief Executive

Review of Stroke Services - CQC Review 2011

The Essex HOSC is aware of the report produced by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) earlier this year.

You will know that the East of England region generally scored poorly. In particular, three PCT areas in Essex came out in the LEAST WELL PERFORMING category. One scored as FAIR and the other was BETTER PERFORMING.

I would be grateful if you could each prepare a short written report for the Essex HOSC meeting on 1 June 2011 indicating how your Cluster is responding to the review and indicating whether there is any action the HOSC could take to support your efforts. If it is easier to do a joint response to cover the whole county I have no problems with that. At this stage the report is just for information but clearly there may be some follow up activity required depending upon the nature of your response.

The HOSC would also find it helpful if you could indicate if there are any matters which might be more appropriately dealt with at a regional rather than local level.

Yours faithfully

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