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***Sent via email:***

**To: Local Authority Health Overview and Scrutiny Chairs**

**CC: Council Leaders**

Dear colleague,

**RE: Public consultation on the proposed move of Moorfields Eye Hospital's (City Road, London) services**

The NHS in north central London is working with NHS England Specialised Commissioning, in partnership with Moorfields Eye Hospital, University College London and Moorfields Eye Charity, on a proposal to bring together services from Moorfields' main City Road hospital site and the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology in a new purpose-built centre.

Following my previous correspondence with you on 28 March 2019 we are now writing to you, in partnership with your local CCG partners, to announce the launch of a public consultation on the proposal, running between **24 May and 16 September 2019**.

This consultation is being carried out pursuant to the clinical commissioning groups' (CCGs) legal duties to involve the public under s.14 Z 3 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and to consult with relevant local authorities under regulation 23 Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

The proposal was approved for public consultation by the Moorfields Consultation programme board on 15 May 2019. This followed meetings of the London Regional Team for NHS England Specialist Commissioning Services, and then the Committees in Common of the 14 clinical commissioning groups who hold contracts with Moorfields, which took place in April 2019. Both groups considered supporting documentation and assurance in relation to the proposals, and feedback from the North Central London (NCL) JHOSC. They agreed that there was sufficient assurance to launch a public consultation.

As explained in the earlier correspondence, the North Central London JHOSC will be monitoring the progress of the consultation and will respond to the lead commissioners for the programme

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following a report on the outcome of consultation activities to be made available to its meeting in 29 November 2019.

**We invite you to provide your views:** via any of the routes set out in the consultation document, and to share this letter with any colleagues whom you feel would value the opportunity to share feedback with us.

A full set of consultation documentation will be available at <http://oriel-london.org.uk>, from 24 May. The launch date takes into account purdah guidance on the European Union elections.

The consultation outcome will influence the Decision-Making Business Case that will be presented to NHS England & Improvement for assurance and for decision-making to the CCGs and NHS England Specialised Commissioning in January 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact the consultation Programme Director, Denise Tyrrell, at [denise.tyrrell@nhs.net](mailto:denise.tyrrell@nhs.net) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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