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BY EMAIL

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Dear Chris

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN RELATION TO PETER BRUFF WARD
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your response of 16 June 2016 to my letter of 3rd June. This was considered at our meeting on 29th June.

The Committee felt that not all the points in my letter had been addressed and that further information and assurances were needed. Therefore, the Committee requests that you attend its next meeting on the morning of 27th July to enable further discussion. Sam Hepplewhite has also been invited. The meeting will start at 10.30am. I understand that an email from the HOSC's Scrutiny Officer, Graham Hughes, was sent to you last week on this and your office has already confirmed receipt and entered this commitment into your diary. Further detail on the HOSC's line of questioning on the 27th will be provided to you nearer the time.

In the meantime, the Committee considered that sufficient issues had already been raised around communication and engagement for it to be able to recommend the following to the Trust:

Recommendation: that the North Essex Partnership Trust should instigate an independent review of the communications and engagement undertaken for the proposed changes to the services provided at the Peter Bruff ward. The Committee suggests that you may wish to consult Healthwatch Essex for guidance and assistance on this.

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As you may be aware, a formal recommendation from the HOSC places certain duties on NHS bodies to respond in writing to them where the HOSC requires this. Accordingly, can I ask for your response to the above recommendation within 28 days although I appreciate that you may be in the position to do this orally earlier than that when you are in attendance at the 27th July HOSC meeting.

I look forward to seeing you again on the 27th for further discussion of the issues and concerns raised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Reeves', followed by a long horizontal line.

Councillor Jillian Reeves
Chairman
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

c.c. Sam Hepplewhite, Chief Officer, North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (Lead Commissioner),
Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Essex County Council Cabinet Member, Health.
Barbara Herts, Director for Commissioning, Mental Health