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Dear Colleague

I am writing to ask you to give your views on the **future arrangements for NHS commissioning in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West**.

An engagement period has begun to gather feedback on proposals about ways of working to support changes to NHS commissioning within the BOB Integrated Care System. CCG Clinical Chairs and Accountable Officers are talking to CCG members, staff, patient groups and other local stakeholders during this time.

I have attached the supporting engagement document from the ICS and CCG leaders. It describes our current thinking on the development of strong Integrated Care Partnerships, how we can further our joint commissioning work and the proposal, subject to CCG Governing Body approval, of a single Accountable Officer and management team.

We have a responsibility to make sure valuable resources are used wisely and in the best way to support people in living longer, happier, healthier and more independently into their old age. Over the past year, we have been exploring how our organisations can work more effectively to meet our shared ambition. This work, along with the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan (LTP), has helped to shape our thinking about what any future arrangements could look like.

As an important stakeholder to the BOB ICS, I would welcome your thoughts - they will be carefully considered and reflected upon. Please be assured that, whatever commissioning arrangements are put in place in the future, the priority continues to be making sure local needs are addressed, that we provide people with access to quality healthcare and that we reduce the health inequalities that exist today.

The engagement period will run until midnight 1st December 2019. All feedback received will be fully considered by CCG and ICS leaders and will inform recommendations to CCG Governing Bodies about a single Accountable Officer/ICS Lead, associated supporting management structure and consultation with CCG members on any future possible CCG configuration.

Best wishes

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Yours sincerely

Fiona Wise
Executive Lead
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