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**Re: North Tyneside Health and Social Care Partnership Boards**

Dear Partnership Board Member

As you know we have been reviewing the commissioning structure for health and social care services in our borough. As a result, the existing Partnership Board you are part of will come to an end this month, with new arrangements taking effect from April.

Although this signals the change of membership and function of your existing Board, this is in no way a reflection of the significant achievements and progress made by you and your colleagues.

The commissioning landscape of health and social care services is changing and we hope our new arrangements will be able to respond to these changes positively.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you on behalf of North Tyneside Council, local NHS services and our residents, for the substantial contribution and time you have given. I know your work is what we are now able to build upon in the coming year.

How we involve people who use our services and those of you who represent them, will change in the new structure and both the Council and local NHS will rely heavily on the Community and Health Care Forum to help make this happen.

Michelle Spencer, from the Forum, will work with each of the new Partnership Boards to map out a tailored plan of engagement and involvement to support their workplans. In addition I have asked Michelle to meet with North Tyneside Local Involvement Network (LINK) representatives from the previous Boards, to see how we best continue our work with them. Michelle will also be attending the learning disability user and carer forums over the coming months.

I am keen that other views direct how we engage and involve people in our commissioning work for this year, so would encourage you to contact Michelle with your thoughts and let her know if you want to continue your involvement.

Once again may I offer my thanks and acknowledgment for what you have achieved and I look forward to your continued involvement.

Yours sincerely

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