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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*I refer to the documents published by NHS England entitled "Next steps on the NHS five year forward view" dated March 2017 and the "Five year forward view" dated October 2015.*

*I note the references to Sustainability and Transformation Plans, "Footprint" areas, Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, Accountable Care Systems and Accountable Care Organisations in those documents.*

*I write to request the following information (including copies of any documents relating to the following things), in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000:*

*What steps, if any, your organisation has taken to implement a:*

*Footprint*

*Sustainability and Transformation Plan;*

*Sustainability and Transformation Partnership; Accountable Care System; Accountable Care Organisation;*

*What plans you have to implement any or all of the above and the proposed timescale for doing so and decision-making processes to be followed in doing so.*

*Any documentation or instruction that you have received from NHS England describing the action your organisation is required to take, or may take, to establish the above organisations and/or otherwise to implement the new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view.*

*An explanation of the legal and organisational nature of the governance arrangements for the "footprint", as described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, of which your organisation is part.*

*Your organisation's understanding of the consequences if it does not implement a Sustainability and Transformation Plan, a Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, an Accountable Care System, an*

*Accountable Care Organisation and/or any of the other new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, and the documents on which that understanding is based.*

Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are produced on a commissioner footprint basis, so as a provider organisation we have not been involved in any discussion on this nor have we received any specific instructions relating to these or to accountable care organisations or accountable care systems from NHS England. We are, of course, familiar with the “Five Year Forward View” and “Next Steps”, but we would not receive direct correspondence on this from NHS England.

The STPs have been determined for some time and, being in Greater Manchester, our Trust is geographically located within a single STP for the whole of GM. This is articulated in a document called “Taking Charge”, which is effectively the strategic plan for GM following devolution and this is being implemented through a comprehensive set of governance arrangements under the GM Health and Care Partnership involving all of the statutory health and care organisations in GM.

In October 2015, the Wigan economy signed up to a new shared vision for health and social care. The Wigan Borough Locality Plan for Health and Care Reform, “The Deal for Health and Wellness”, stated that “provider organisations in the Borough have agreed to develop a new alliance: a community based “wellness” organisation focused on prevention and early intervention, bound by a common narrative and approach with a stake for each organisation (including the local hospital) in the scaled reduction of demand. To this end we have formed a collaborative of the provider organisations in Wigan into the Healthier Wigan Partnership and will strengthen this through more formal alliance contracts in April 2018. In line with national guidance, we are considering how this might further evolve into an Accountable Care Organisation and we are currently working through what this will mean in practice with our partner organisations.

Both of the documents referred to above are in the public domain which you access using the links below.

<http://www.healthwatchwiganandleigh.co.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Wigan-Locality-Plan.pdf>

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-Policies/Health-Devolution.pdf>

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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