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Dear Professor Green

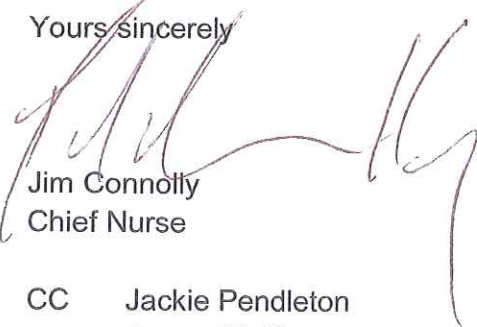
**Re: Residential and Nursing Home Contracts.**

Thank you for your letter addressed to Jackie Pendleton Chief Officer for North Derbyshire CCG. This has been passed to Hardwick CCG as we are responsible for the coordination of learning disability commissioning and residential and nursing home care quality for the four Derbyshire CCG's.

We note your points regarding core costs. Nationally the mandate is for NHS contracts to be deflated by 1.8% this year. In practice in Derbyshire we work very closely with Derbyshire County Council in agreeing prices as many people are placed with shared funding with the local authority. This is particularly true for learning disabilities.

You will be aware that the local authorities are facing severe budget pressures themselves. We are however very mindful of quality and for sustainable care. We will therefore raise the cost pressure issues you detail with the local authority and commissioners. We are not yet in a position to give clarification on these budgets. When we are, any changes to NHS commissioned prices would be communicated by GEM CSU, who manage the regional contract for these services and the continuing health team who make placements on our behalf.

Yours sincerely



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