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Dear Cllr Power

I am responding to your letter dated 10th June 2024 regarding the current financial position of the local health and care system and how Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) intend to consult with the Nottingham Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee as part of our statutory duties.

In the letter, you have asked for assurance from the ICB that the delay to speaking with the Committee about this matter (from June 2024 to July 2024, caused by the upcoming General Election) has also resulted in a pause in the decision-making process.

I can confirm that no decisions have been made around the reconfiguration of services commissioned by the ICB which would require consultation with the Committee. Any final decisions will be made by the ICB having considered clinical and operational evidence as well as what stakeholders tell us throughout the process and other listening and involvement exercises with citizens including any consultation required under the relevant regulations.

I want to assure you that we are committed to engaging with the Committee early in the process so that we can ensure that issues likely to impact the population through any proposed service changes are understood and addressed at the earliest opportunity, in line with our statutory duties.

You also raise concerns that the Committee has not been informed about two recent service changes which sit below the threshold for formal consultation but that would have

benefited from sharing with the Committee for awareness. I acknowledge and apologise for the fact that the Committee had not been informed about these changes as we would usually expect and in fact have done on a number of occasions in the recent past on similar matters. ICB colleagues, led by Lucy Dudge, Director of Integration and Alex Ball, Director of Communications and Engagement highly value the collaborative and positive relationship that exists between the ICB and the Committee and are keen to ensure that we retain this. As you will understand, there are often many “moving parts” in the health system, as we work with providers to ensure that we plan for and they deliver the best outcomes for our populations. On occasions, as you highlight this can lead to potential consequences of operational changes not being fully understood by all. We will therefore re-double our efforts to ensure that we bring together all sources of intelligence to enable us to ensure that you are kept abreast of service changes/developments in advance, and not in retrospect.

I know that Lucy and Alex are scheduled to meet with you on 18th June and they will discuss this exchange of letters in more detail including the specific questions you raise regarding the Fracture Liaison Service. I would also be happy to meet with you ahead of the 11th July meeting if that would be useful.

Please do not hesitate to come back to me if you require further clarifications.

Yours sincerely



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