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Dear Councillor Kabir

Shaping a healthier future programme

I'm writing to you to follow up formally on the briefing session you attended on the *Shaping a healthier future* programme on Monday 16th January.

The case for change which underpins *Shaping a healthier future* has now been published and a copy of this document is enclosed.

As we discussed on 16th January, the Case for Change highlights the challenges facing the current system and demonstrates that, despite recent improvements, significant service change is likely to be required to enable us to provide the quality of patient care that our clinicians aspire to. Over the next few months, we will continue conversations with local clinicians, local healthcare providers, patients and the public to identify the best possible solutions to address these challenges.

As we discussed during our briefing session, the consultation is likely to have specific proposals affecting your borough and therefore needs to be considered by your local Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (HOSCs). However the proposals are very likely to cover issues that span multiple boroughs therefore there is a need to consider any proposals jointly through a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC). We have drafted the enclosed briefing paper which sets this out in more detail. The paper also covers the plans for the programme's pre-consultation engagement period and for public consultation.

We would be grateful if you could table this paper for discussion at your next Committee meeting. If you would like a programme representative to attend an upcoming meeting please do contact us to arrange this.

We will be in touch shortly with dates for the next joint meeting with all North West London HOSCs. In the meantime if you would like more information please phone 0800 881 5209, visit www.northwestlondon.nhs.uk/shapingahealthierfuture or email Lisa Anderton, lisa.anderton@nw.london.nhs.uk.

Kind regards,

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