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Dear Amber and Jeremy

## **Police and Crime Commissioners and Health and Wellbeing Boards**

Many thanks for your letter, dated 15 November 2016, regarding Police and Crime Commissioners and Health and Wellbeing Boards. We are pleased to report that Wiltshire's PCC and his chief constable are both full members of Wiltshire's Health and Wellbeing Board and have been regular participants since inception. For your interest, both Angus and the Police Chief also signed the mental health crisis care concordat for the OPCC and Constabulary respectively.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has considered a wide range of police related issues over the past couple of years – including the handling of serious case reviews, safeguarding matters, Police Custody Healthcare and sexual assault referrals, provision of safe places and support for troubled families. The Board was also an early signatory to the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat (as was the Commissioner and Chief Constable), has developed an action plan for this, receives regular updates on progress, and recently successfully bid for capital funding for further health based places of safety. Regular discussion has also led partners to commit to fund control-room based mental health triage. Whilst on the subject, the Board would welcome the support of government in addressing the use of local health based places of safety in Wiltshire by out of area patients, driven by a shortage of commissioned capacity in Bristol, amongst other factors.

Our Joint Strategic Assessment includes data and commissioning information on a wide range of issues of interest to health and police partners, including substance misuse, mental illness, domestic abuse and community safety. Using locally tailored JSA information, the Police have worked closely with council and NHS colleagues in community-led action-planning events across Wiltshire's eighteen community areas, to instigate local action, backed by community grants, that is tailored to local needs.

Additionally, the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership for Wiltshire is a Consultant in Public Health, who leads on community safety and prevention of harm and holds the brief for justice health. The partnership brings together expertise from Wiltshire Council, the OPCC, Wiltshire Police - both tactical and strategic, Fire and Rescue and Wiltshire CCG, with close working links with NHS England as the lead commissioners for Justice Health for HMP Erlestoke. The Partnership provides

strategic oversight and direction to the delivery of a range of interventions on prevention; such as reducing alcohol and drug related harm, treatment and rehabilitation, reducing crime and reoffending, tackling the incidence and impact relating to domestic abuse and applying legislation through the Public Protection Tools and Powers, consumer protection and the Licensing Act (2003) to improve the safety of our local communities. The partnership has recently updated strategies on alcohol misuse and domestic abuse; launched a new protocol to ensure children are effectively safeguarded if they are living in households where there is adult domestic abuse or substance and alcohol misuse; and has commissioned in collaboration with the Office for Police and Crime Commissioner specialist support services for people at all levels of risk of domestic abuse across the county. Wiltshire also continues to be best in the South West for opiate based recovery rates.

We hope this reassures you of our ongoing commitment to partnership working on a range of issues.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Macpherson', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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