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Dear Colleague,

Please find attached a copy of a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers into the future of ambulance trusts across Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

PricewaterhouseCoopers were commissioned by the Strategic Health Authority to carry out an independent report into the suitability of the current structure to deliver the new national agenda for ambulances.

The report recommends very clearly the creation of a single new ambulance trust as the best way forward, and outlines details of how this will benefit patients. It says that it will lead to stronger management capacity and capability, a better equipped workforce, and adoption of best practice from across the three trusts.

We are very keen to hear the views of patients, staff and our partners on the proposed way forward, and will be undergoing a detailed and open communications exercise to encourage people to get involved.

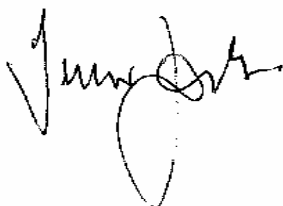
In July you will be sent a document which will outline clearly how you can share your views with us.

We will be undertaking a major communications exercise from July 3rd to September 7th, to hear the views of people in Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Our Board will meet in October to consider feedback that we have received, and take a decision on the future of our ambulance services.

I hope that you are able to take the time to read the enclosed report, and following the publication of our consultation document, get involved in helping us make the right decision for patients across Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Yours Sincerely,



Trevor Jones
Chief Executive