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Dear Mr Jones

Wiltshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Wiltshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been reviewing a number of the financial issues affecting the Primary Care Trusts in Wiltshire. However, it has been consistently difficult to pin down up-to-date information.

Following a briefing given to the committee by Carol Clarke, Chief Executive of Kennet & North and West Wiltshire PCTs, members raised a number of questions which it was felt would more suitably be put to the Strategic Health Authority.

- What is the SHA's current financial position and what position does it expect to be reporting at the end of the financial year?
- What is the true financial position of the Wiltshire PCTs and what position will they be reporting at the end of the financial year?
- What guidance is the SHA giving to the PCTs that are not in, nor can easily expect to achieve financial balance, in terms of financial recovery and review of services? In particular, what support is the SHA giving to Kennet & North and West Wiltshire PCTs, and to AWP Mental Health Partnership's current planned strategic service review?
- How is the impact of the new out of hours service, brought about by changes to the GP contract, being monitored across the SHA area, particularly in relation to the impact on A & E departments and the ambulance service?

I would like to invite you to attend the Wiltshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 29 June to answer these questions and any others that members make wish to make.

Yours sincerely,

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