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Dear colleague,

As you will know, the NHS Long Term Plan suggested that the number of CCGs would be significantly reduced over the next two years, with each STP area typically supported by a single CCG rather than the eight we have now in north west London.

The CCG Chairs and managing directors have now signed off a case for commissioning change. This document will form the basis for internal and external engagement on how we should respond to the Long Term Plan. We are now starting our engagement period which lasts until the end of July.

During the engagement period we shall identify all the issues we need to address and begin to develop responses to the key issues that are raised. It is not until after the engagement period that we shall make a decision on the way forward, with the intention being that recommendations go to governing bodies in September. During the engagement period will be working on, and issuing, further information for people to consider.

This will also be in line with other STP areas in London which are going through a similar process.

The case for change (see attached), sets out why we believe working as one organisation will mean greater efficiency and more resources being freed up for patient care rather than administrative costs.

The CCGs will be discussing the case for change at governing body meetings in June. Governing body meetings are not public meetings but they are held in public.

The document sets out our thoughts on the need to retain local accountability. We will always be strongly committed to meaningful engagement with Healthwatch and local patient groups, and to working locally with Health and Wellbeing Boards and Overview and Scrutiny Committees. GPs will continue to play a key role in the new organisation and we will continue to work more closely with provider trusts as we move towards an integrated care system across North West London and local integrated care partnerships.

We shall be attending Health and Well Being Boards and Scrutiny Committees to discuss the proposal.

If you would like to share your feedback on the case for change in writing, please send it to Mark Easton directly: [mark.easton5@nhs.net](mailto:mark.easton5@nhs.net).

For more information you will also find attached a copy of the case for change, and a copy of our joint press release.

Yours sincerely,

