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Dear Vikki,

RE: GP Representation within Joined-Up Care Derbyshire

We are writing to propose a method of robust GP representation as part of Joined-up Care Derbyshire (JUCD).

General practice is the cornerstone of our healthcare system and we fundamentally believe that general practice is the most effective vehicle for the delivery of quality primary care across the County.

With the rapidly evolving climate of healthcare under strict financial pressures it is more important than ever before to transform whilst promoting and sharing best practice. But for this to succeed we require strong representation of general practice as providers of primary care at every level of JUCD.

It is vital to have active engagement of GPs within the development of working at scale. This, in turn, will drive transformation of the system. This engagement requires the collaboration of GPs on the ground, who understand the financial pressures, workload demands and changing workforce.

As GP Leaders across Derbyshire, we have been repeatedly asked the questions '*who represents general practice*' and '*who represents primary care*'. The answer is probably that we cannot have one voice, but we can have **a representative group expressing the varied voices of general practice as providers of at-scale primary care.**

Following extensive discussion we now have a structure to allow both vertical and horizontal communication to better inform, challenge and shape the development of the system in Derbyshire. This will involve GP Place leads, Federation Alliance representatives and the LMC.



Our proposal is:

1. That general practice has three seats at the JUCD board.
2. That general practice has a seat at the Place Development Board.
3. That these seats are for senior representatives drawn from Place, the Federations Network and the LMC.
4. These individuals will be given delegated responsibility to work together, providing the unified 'voice' of general practice.
5. That this 'voice' is valued by the system.

In order to be valued, it needs to be acknowledged that general practice is funded differently from other organisations within the JUCD footprint. This proposal can only be delivered if it is properly funded by JUCD, allowing representatives to devote the necessary time to it. The recurrent annual cost of this, together with the necessary administrative support will be £105,000 per year.

A more detailed breakdown of the costings is available if required.

Yours Sincerely



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