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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016, with regards to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Request/**Response**

Under the freedom of information act I would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions.

1. When does the CCG expect the STP for this region to be completed?

***In December 2015, the NHS shared planning guidance 16/17 – 20/21 outlined a new approach to help ensure that health and care services are built around the needs of local populations. To do this, every health and care system in England was tasked to produce a multi-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), showing how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years – ultimately delivering the Five Year Forward View vision of better health, better patient care and improved NHS efficiency. The Cheshire and Merseyside STP was submitted on 30th June 2016.***

2. To what extent are the public involved in the planning?

***The Cheshire & Merseyside STP has been developed with, and based upon, the needs of local patients and communities, along with the support of clinicians, staff and wider partners such as local government.***

***The STP has been informed by ongoing local engagement across the region. For example, the Healthy Liverpool programme has directly engaged 20,000 people in transformation plans for the North Mersey area, that now form part of the Cheshire and Merseyside STP.***

**Although the Cheshire & Merseyside STP has been submitted to NHS England for review, the plan has no status until it is agreed. When the plan has been agreed, normal rules around engagement and public consultation will apply to the implementation of specific proposals.**

**Engagement on the STP will build upon existing engagement taking place across Cheshire and Merseyside regarding plans for transforming health and social care, to ensure long term clinical and financial sustainability.**

3. Where can the public keep up to date about the development of the plan?

**The plans submitted on June 30th will form the basis for further scrutiny and discussion with national leadership in the NHS throughout July. Submissions are draft and may be subject to further revision.**

**The Cheshire & Merseyside STP remains a draft document until it is agreed. STPs will be published once they are final.**

4. To what extent will the STP impact upon any plans in Phase 2 of the LCR Devolution of Healthcare in the region?

**STP boundaries will not cover all planning eventualities. As with the current arrangements for planning and delivery, there are layers of plans which sit above and below STP boundaries, with shared links and dependencies. For example, neighbouring STP areas will need to work together when planning specialised or ambulance services or working with multiple local government authorities and, for areas within a proposed devolution footprint that cross STP boundaries, further discussion will take place to work through the implications.**

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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