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To whom it may concern,

Re: North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) engagement in the STP Urgent and Emergency Care Work stream

NEAS is the only regional NHS provider across the whole North East region and is uniquely placed to input to discussions in both STP footprints to the North and South.

With our perspective of the North East, we are actively involved with every NHS trust in the footprint on a regular basis. We are active participants in the regional Urgent and Emergency Care Network with Yvonne Ormston, our CEO, as Co-Chair. We have been involved in strategy and finance discussions, including engagement with North Cumbria on potential collaboration, including close working with North West Ambulance Trust.

Aligned to the STP, we have been involved in the South Tyneside/ Sunderland reconfiguration discussions and in a number of service changes which have been considered across the area.

We have been consulted on the STP plans and subsequently engaged in initial discussions on the formulation of an Integrated Care System, albeit this is at a very early stage. We recognise the challenges of finance and staffing facing NHS trusts and have invested in the development of an in-house modelling tool to identify the impact of changes on NEAS. With this tool, we are then able to identify the mitigation required to support service changes at the consultation stage and then to track these changes through mobilisation and implementation.

Our Medical Director has been a regularly attending the NTWND Clinical group

Members of the JOSOC can be assured that our mission of safe, effective and responsive care for all underpins our approach to considering service changes and we have a robust process for discussing these with commissioners and engaging patients in this dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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